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“The Bible is the most precious possession of the human race.”

Compiled by Lucille H. Smith

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Most of all, I am indebted to the Holy Spirit who has led me all the way.

Lucille H. Smith

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Dedication

To the past generations who endured hardship to keep the torch of Christianity alive.

To the faithful believers of Woods Grove Pentecostal Free Will Baptist who today, are still carrying this torch.

“To God Be The Glory”



A Special Tribute to

Lucille H. Smith

(and her husband C. Ray Smith)

In January of 2006, realizing the 125th Anniversary of Woods Grove Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church would be in 2010, I felt the need for a complete history to be done. Upon the leading of the Holy Spirit, I was impressed to ask Lucille Smith to fulfill this tremendous task. After much consideration and prayer, she agreed to do a book on our history. This book spans many years that includes pastors, trustees, deacons, teachers, musicians, singers, officers, and members. Lucille has accomplished an unbelievable job as you will see when you read about Woods Grove's Heritage. A special thank you to C. Ray Smith for his support, knowledge of the past, and the many miles he traveled with Lucille in order to obtain our history.

God ordained Woods Grove Free Will Baptist in 1885, to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be a lighthouse to the community and to be a soul-saving station for God's Kingdom. May we ever continue to fulfill God's purpose, plan and will for our church until the day of our Lord's return.

On behalf of the Woods Grove members, deacon board, Pastor Mike, and myself (Hilda Grady), we thank you for an amazing accomplishment.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Psalms 126:3.

Reverend Mike Grady, Pastor
Nelson Creech, Deacon & Vice Chairman
Mike Gurley, Deacon
Donald Ham, Deacon
Tommy Hare, Deacon
Grover Smith, Deacon
Hilda T. Grady, Pastor's Wife

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CHAPTER 1

The Task Before Us

Why another book on the history of Woods Grove Church? The question has been asked and I asked myself this same question when I was approached about writing this history. Only after miles of travel, hours of reading and researching books, looking at old manuscripts, did I come to realize that there was still much that needed to be told and passed on to generations to come.

A knowledge of Israel's history is important if one is to understand the message of the Old Testament. So the history of a church is needed if people are to see from whence God has brought believers and how He has blessed His people. I trust you will read, learn and ultimately enjoy knowing how Woods Grove began and how it has grown.

One day in a conversation with Mrs. Peggy Casey, historian of Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, she informed this writer that Casey's Chapel was a branch off Woods Grove, stating that Casey's Chapel was organized in the year 1874, and that their first pastor was the Reverend J. F. Hill. This really got the writer's attention, since tradition had always been told that Woods Grove Church began in 1885, and had even celebrated its One Hundreth Anniversary in May 1985, with a brief history of the church being presented then.

So the task of research began. Traveling to Mount Olive College and spending time in their Free Will Baptist Historical Collection, we were amazed to learn that Woods Grove is much older than we had believed. Original minutes of the General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists show that in the year 1841 a church called Hood Swamp which later became Woods Grove existed with thirty-eight members. A delegate to the conference was Mr. Aaron Parks. No minutes are available before 1841, except we know that the Original Free Will Baptist Church in American began as early as 1727, tracing its roots to the English General Baptists of 1600's.

Dr. Michael Pelt, Professor at Mount Olive College, writing on this subject, said that churches met for worship several years without any formal organization,, especially in the absence of an ordained minister. They met once a month, so pastors served more than one church. One pastor would serve four or more different churches.

Records show that in 1847 a problem arose with ministers and laymen belonging to the Free Mason Society. The Society was opposed because it was a secret organization. Some of the oldest Free Will Baptist Ministers, among them an Elder James Moore, considered membership in the Society a sin, saying that church did nothing in secret. Therefore, when the General Conference met at Hood Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne County in 1847, a great discussion arose. A resolution was introduced which

declared the Conference be separate from all such societies. The resolution passed, the controversy did not end. Even though the resolution was expunged from the record at a meeting in 1850, the bitter issue continued.

Records of the General Conference show that in 1851, J. Bizzel and W. Frazer, along with Pastor J. F. Hill, represented Hood Swamp at the Conference meeting. Statistics show forty-five members on roll at that time. At this Conference, a resolution was passed to hold a Minister's Conference three times a year, the first meeting to be held at Hood Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne County, and that it commence on the Friday before the fifth Lord's Day (must have been a leap year) February 1852.

An important event occurred in 1855 with the organization of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference. Whereas the General Conference had been an effort to bring all Free Will Baptist Churches throughout North Carolina together, the Cape Fear Conference was the first attempt to unite churches on a regional level. Delegates from eight churches and seven ministers convened at Stoney Run Church, Cumberland County (now Sampson County) on November 1-4, 1855 and organized the Conference. Churches represented were Stoney Run, Long Branch, Free Union, Fayetteville, Shady Grove, Bethsaida, Prospect, and Elbethel. Elder John Williams was chosen as Moderator, Elder James Turnage was elected clerk and Thomas Avera elected general treasurer. During this time, the Cape Fear Conference enjoyed a harmonious relationship with other Free Will Baptists and later with other conferences that were being formed.

Original minutes of Cape Fear Conference meetings from 1855 - 1901 give us a better insight into how Woods Grove came to be. On October 6, 1881 these records bear the following information.

The congregation assembled in the church and services were affirmed by Elder R.A. Johnson at twelve noon. Letters asking for admittance into the Cape Fear Conference were received from New Prospect, Hood Swamp and Friendship (Casey's Chapel) from Wayne County. There letters were received by the committee, Elder Turnage, Fowlers and Solomon and on recommendation of the same they were received into the Cape Fear Conference.

Records from 1881-1915 show pastors names and numbers of members in each church. Statistics for Hood Swamp are as follows:

YEAR	CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	MEMBERS
1881	Hood Swamp	Wayne	J.F. Hill	48
1882	Hood Swamp	Wayne	J.F. Hill	48
1883	Hood Swamp	Wayne	J.F. Hill	49
1884	Hood Swamp	Wayne	J.F. Hill	47
1885	Hood Swamp	Wayne	J.F. Hill	44

On November 11th and 12th, 1886 the Cape Fear Conference met at Hood Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne County and action taken during the second day was an important milestone in the history of Woods Grove Church. Delegates from Hood Swamp were Henry Herring, S.J. Peel and Marcellous Smith. Prayer was by Pastor J.F. Hill. On the second day of the Conference, Friday the 12th of November

the minutes read as follows: "on motion the rules of order were suspended for the present and the name of the church at Hood Swamp changed to Woods Grove". This same year Reverend R.A. Johnson replaced Reverend J.F. Hill as pastor.

The church that had been known as Hood Swamp since at least 1841 was now Woods Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Seventy-two members were listed on the roll at this time and in the same year (1886). It is believed that up until around 1885-1886 that the Hood Swamp Free Will Baptist Church met at what we now know as the Hood Swamp Community. They met in a small building next to the Hood Swamp School or either the school building. This building was situated on the corner of Hood Swamp Road and Mark Edwards Road.

Quaker records show that the Hood Swamp Friends meeting was established in 1887 as the ninth meeting in Contentnea Quarter. Records also show that one-half an acre of land adjacent to the Hood Swamp School property was purchased by the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Quakers from the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference. Since Free Will Baptist Church property and the disposal thereof at this time was controlled by the Conference to which a church belonged, this was probably the land on which Hood Swamp Free Will Baptist Church was located, if there was a building. During these years congregations often met in homes or schools before a permanent worship place was constructed. As transportation was by horse and buggy or mostly walking, pastors were able to serve several churches in the area, since most only met once a month for worship.

Minutes of Cape Fear Conference showed a steady increase in 1886 in numbers of churches and ministers. This same year the Western and Cape Fear Conference united as one General Conference until 1910-1912. In 1890, the Cape Fear Conference voted to endorse the Free Will Baptist Advocate Newspaper. The cost was two dollars per year and it was published in Fremont, North Carolina. Woods Grove Church was a part of this action.

Of great interests is that as early as 1893, the Cape Fear Conference voted to adopt the Free Will Baptist Sabbath School literature. This action promoted the Sunday Schools movement in the denomination, a movement which provided a teaching element within the churches and strengthened the growth of many churches.

In 1911 a serious problem arose within the Cape Fear Conference concerning doctrinal issues (and only one church and one minister) represented at the Cape Fear Conference meeting. The problem centered around the interpretation of the doctrine of Sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This issue had been raised as a result of the influence of the Holiness Movement in Eastern, North Carolina, especially in the area of Harnett, Sampson and adjoining counties. The result was a division in the Cape Fear Conference and turmoil in the church.

In the year 1812, the Original Free Will Baptists adopted the Discipline of "Articles of Faith". By 1899 a revised edition of the Cape Fear Conference Discipline by J.W. Lucas was adopted and the word instantaneous was used to describe the Sanctification experience. The "holiness" version of the doctrine of Sanctification had become a part of the "Article of Faith".

By 1911 many members began to object to the change in the 1899 doctrine and a conference

meeting was held at Long Branch Church in Dunn, North Carolina to test the fellowship of the churches. Prior to this meeting records from Dunn Headquarters show that Woods Grove reported to the Dunn meeting in 1910 with a membership of one hundred and seventy-six. Clerk J.J. Roberts and Pastor J.R. Johnson represented as delegates. Records also show that Woods Grove sent reports to Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference as late as 1915. Clerk J.J. Roberts and Pastor J.R. Johnson reported with one hundred and seventy-five on roll.

On January 12, 1912 a meeting at Shady Grove Church, Sampson County was held for the purpose of organizing the Original Free Will Baptist Conference separate from the Conference Woods Grove had been a part of. A resolution as following: "Resolved, Second, seeing that the so-called Cape Fear Conference has departed from the faith, the aforesaid original doctrine of the Free Will Baptist on the subject of Sanctification and the Baptism of The Holy Ghost and the speaking in tongues as the only evidence. We, therefore invite all churches and ministers who believe in the original doctrine as practiced by Free Will Baptist, set forth in the discipline of the Cape Fear Conference prior to the revision in 1899 to unite in the deliberation of this body."

The reference to the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues as the only evidence resulted from the influence of the Holiness movement that began in Topeka, Kansas among the Bible students of C.F. Parham and that it had its beginning as a result of the Azuse Street Revival in Los Angeles, California, under the direction of W.J. Seymour. It was introduced to Eastern, North Carolina about 1908 by G.B. Cashwell, a holiness minister, who went to California where he is said to have received the "Baptismal of The Holy Spirit." He returned to his home near Dunn, North Carolina and began a revival that attracted thousands.

EARLY YEARS



These ministers and churches that embraced the holiness version of the doctrine come to be known as Free Will Baptist Holiness. Woods Grove became a part of this group of believers. In the course of time they organized with surrounding churches in the area and county, General Conference, known as Free Will Baptist Holiness. In April, 1959 at a special meeting held at Stoney Run Church, the Free Will Baptist Holiness met for the purpose of changing their name to Pentecostal Free Will Baptist hoping to provide unity between the people. The Pentecostal Free Will Baptist incorporated the organization and gave it much greater authority.

It's Headquarters is located near Dunn, North Carolina where they now also operate Heritage Bible College.

CHAPTER 2

Building A Church

In May, 1885 a group of dedicated believers decided to build a House of Worship that would give them a permanent place to attend and to grow. No records available to tell us how many were involved in this building project, but have been told the number to be twelve. Since a sawmill was located on the corner of Hood Swamp Road and highway thirteen north and was owned by Mr. Allen Smith, who was one of the first trustees of the newly organized church, logs were cut by Mr. Allen and his son, M. S. Smith and hauled to the sawmill where the timber was prepared and taken to the site to build Woods Grove Church. It is thought that the logs were cut from an area of woodland where Grover Smith (his great-grandson) now lives. Again unable to find out about the church congregation move from the original site on corner of Hood Swamp Road and Mark Edwards Road to its new location of which the distance was about two miles. The Lord began to bless their dedication. Deeds found and dated March 15, 1886 show that Mr. James M. Wood and wife Emma, deeded one acre of land for one dollar to the church and Woods Grove began the task of building. The first building was a 28 by 34 feet structure. The original foundation is still intact although the building was enlarged 28 x 52 feet a few years later. The church was named in honor of this couple, and it is believed the "Grove" was added because of the large grove of trees on the premises. The original deed is now framed and hung in the pastor's study of the present church. Also a drawing of the first church by Mr. Zeno Spence hangs in the vestibule of the church today.

Because of a desire to know more about this generous couple who gave the land for the church, research began on this question. Mrs. Hilda Grady located a nephew who led to contacts with other relatives who helped in this research. Mr. James M. Wood and Mrs. Emma Parks Wood were married in 1877. Mrs. Emma died in 1893 leaving no children. Mr. Wood then married Mrs. Julia P. Smith in 1894, but he died in 1920 leaving no children. Mrs. Julia attended Woods Grove on several occasions, but there is no record of her becoming a member. She died in 1937. All these are buried in the old Parks Graveyard just off the old 1003 road which is now known as New Hope Road. A church window in the current church has been named in honor of this couple.

Reverend J.F. Hill served the church as its first pastor. Records show forty-four members the first year. Trustees were Mr. Allen Smith, Mr. Elijah Vinson, Mr. M.S. Smith, Mr. J.B. Gardner and Mr. J.J. Roberts. Mr. Roberts also served as the first clerk.

During 1886 the membership grew to seventy-two members and Reverend R.A. Johnson replaced Reverend Hill as pastor. It should be noted that Woods Grove remained a Free Will Baptist Church until 1911-1912. Records on file at Mount Olive College Library show the pastors and church membership from 1887-1915. Reports made to the Annual Conference meetings were as follows:

- 1887 - Reverend Lunda Lee with seventy-eight members
- 1888 - Reverend J.F. Hill (second time) with eighty-two members
- 1889 - Reverend J. F. Hill with seventy-three members
- 1890 - Reverend J.F. Hill with seventy-three members
- 1891 - Reverend Robert Strickland with seventy-one members
- 1892 - Church did not report at Conference
- 1893 - Reverend W.G. Jones with one hundred members
- 1894 - Reverend C.R. Pearce with ninety-two members

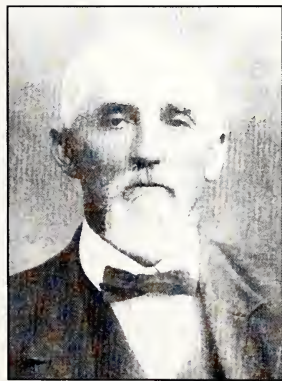
1895 - Church did not report at Conference
 1896 - Reverend C.R. Pearce with one hundred and twelve members
 1897 - Reverend C.A. Jackson with one hundred and forty-nine members
 1898 - Church did not report at Conference
 1899 - Church did not report at Conference
 1900 - Reverend J.F. Owens with one hundred and thirty-six members
 1901 - Reverend J. H. Worley with one hundred and thirty-one members
 1902 - Reverend J. H. Worley with one hundred and twenty-eight members
 1903 - Reverend J.A. Blalock with one hundred and thirty-five members
 1904 - Reverend H.W. Jernigan with one hundred and twenty-four members
 1905 - Reverend H.W. Jernigan with one hundred and fifty-three members
 1906 - Reverend H.W. Jernigan with one hundred and fifty-three members
 1907 - Reverend C.A. Jackson (second time) with one hundred and fifty-three members
 1908 - Reverend C.A. Jackson with one hundred and fifty-two members
 1909 - Reverend C.A. Jackson with one hundred and seventy-eight members
 1910 - Reverend J.R. Johnson (second time) with one hundred and seventy-six members
 1911 - Reverend J.R. Johnson with one hundred and fifty-eight members
 1912 - 1913 - The church did not report as this was during the time of division from the Original Free Will Baptist Conference
 1914 - The church reported again with membership of one hundred and eighty-four members and pastor Reverend W.B. Strickland
 1915 - Reverend J.R. Johnson reported with one hundred and seventy-five members

No more reports were made to the Conference as the Woods Grove Church broke away from the Original Free Will Baptist and became known as Free Will Baptist Holiness. Records in 1916 show Mr. J.J. Roberts as clerk, Mr. James A. Thomas, Mr. R. S. Hare, Mr. S.A. Webber and Mr. Sol Matthews as trustees; clerks after Mr. Roberts were Mr. Grady West followed by Mr. Bob Lewis.

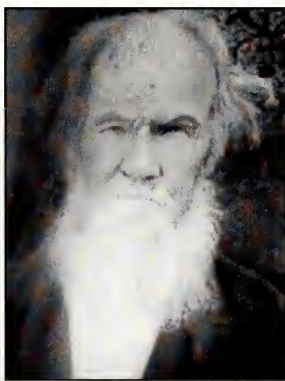
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Credentials.</h2>	
<p>Know all People by these Presents, that <u>C. A. Jackson</u> a member of <u>Woods Grove</u> FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH was on <u>Oct 29</u> 189<u>6</u> duly examined for the ministry, and, upon his manifest qualifications and a testimony to a definite call by the Holy Spirit to work, he was <u>Ordained</u> by <u>Council</u> of the <u>Cape Fear</u> Conference of the Free Will Baptist Denomination on <u>Oct. 29</u> 189<u>6</u>, which grants to him the right to all the privileges and permits him to perform all the duties of <u>ordained</u> ministers in said Conference, and, also introduces him, with recommendation, to all other Conferences of the Free Will Baptist Denomination and to all the Christian churches at large. We do, therefore, pray God's blessings upon him and his work and beg that he be received in the name of Jesus.</p>	<p>Signed by <u>Linda Lee</u> <u>R. C. Jackson</u> <u>Robert Althickland</u></p>



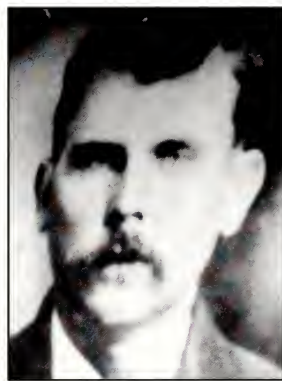
WOODS GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH 1886



REVEREND J. F. HILL
Pastor 1885



ALLEN SMITH
First Trustee - 1885
Born: February 16, 1829
Died: April 30, 1914



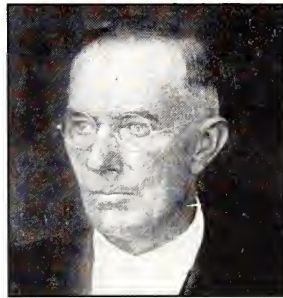
M.S. SMITH
Trustee - 1885
Born: November 15, 1859
Died: February 3, 1936



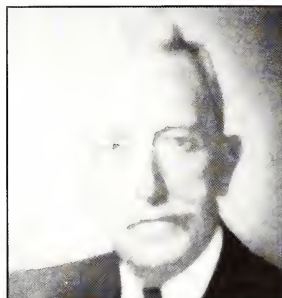
REVEREND LUNDA LEE
Pastor 1887



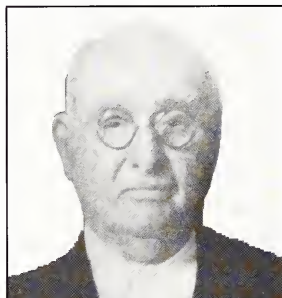
REVEREND C.R. PEARCE
Pastor 1894 - 1896
Born: March 15, 1851
Died: April 26, 1901



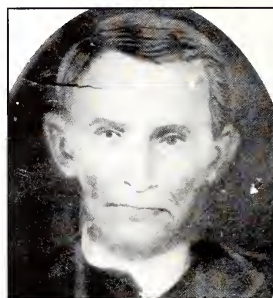
C.A. JACKSON
Pastor
1897, 1907-1909
1931



**REVEREND JAMES HENRY
WORLEY**
1852-1946
Pastor of Woods Grove Church
1901-1902



REVEREND H.W. JERNIGAN, SR.
1849 - 1942
Pastor Of Woods Grove Church
1904-1906



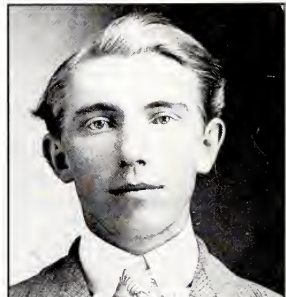
BENJAMIN SAULS
Died January 21, 1887
Age 72 Years
He was first to be buried at
Woods Grove Church Cemetery



**ORIGINAL CORNER
POST OF GRAVEYARD**
1885



STEPHEN GRADY WEST
1882-1930
2nd Church Clerk - Early Years



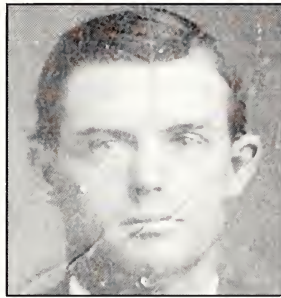
BOB LEWIS
1881-1936
Church Clerk Early Years



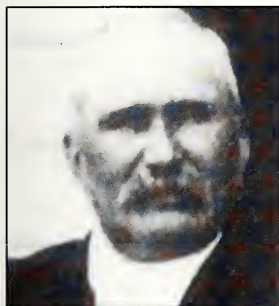
SIDNEY ALBERT WEBBER
Trustee - 1916
Born: 1874
Died: 1961



SOLOMON MATTHEWS
Trustee - 1916
Born: January 30, 1859
Died: February 25, 1931



RICHARD S. HARE
Trustee 1916
Born: January 8, 1878
Died: July 26, 1952



JAMES A. THOMAS
Trustee 1916
Born: May 16, 1859
Died: July 27, 1930



EMMETT REAVES
Early Member of Church



PATIENCE LEWIS
Early Member of Church



**STEPHEN GRADY WEST
& VICTORIA VIOLA FUTRELL WEST**
Early Members of Church



ALLEN SMITH & SALLY SMITH
Early Members of Church

In 1887, the first person to be buried in the church graveyard was Mr. Benjamin Sauls. The graveyard was started to meet the needs of church members and their families, but with years of growth and the need for building and parking space, it became necessary to discontinue the use of burial plots. One of the original posts that was used as a fence around the graveyard still stands today and a beautiful plaque has been placed on the post as a lasting memorial.

The earliest membership roll of the church that has been found was in 1929. Listed as in roll book of 1929 are: J. Roberts, James Elmore, James Thomas, R.S. Hare, G.W. Hare, N.W. Boyette, E.M. Turner, G.S. Smith, S.G. West, J.F. Elmore, L.G. Taylor, Solomon Matthews, W.H. Howell, Johnnie Davis, E.C. Hinson, C.A. Jackson, Emmitt Smith, Joe Hines, Lloyd Smith, B. T. Person, Arthur Smith, J.W. Roberts,

B.J. Thomas, Eddie Baker, Johnnie Smith, W.G. Gurley, Hanness Kennedy, Marvin Corbett, Paul Thomas, E.B. Butts, T.J. Peele, Carl Melton, Kirby Smith, J.T. Vinson, Leslie Radford, Robert Jackson, Walter Grady, R.D. Kennedy, Jethro Hare, R.S. Killelte, James Gardner, George Stallings, E.M. Carter, Herman Smith,

Rena Sauls, Patsy Person, Lessie Smith, Eva Peele, Bettie Gooden, Lizzie Smith, Ada Kearney, Julie M. Worrell, Minnie L. Holt, Eliza Hines, Clemmie Cunningham, Laura G. Davis, Bessie Vinson, Sudie Howell, Vivian Vinson, Ruth Daniels, Susan Boyette, Bessie James, Sallie Thomas, Bessie Thomas, Nora Thomas, Fannie Howell,

Vickey Parks, Sudie Daniels, Julia Elmore, Julia Jones, Dollie Roberts, Nellie L. Price, Syvil Smith, Anna Anderson, Mamie Smith, Nancy Lancaster, Rose Stapleford, Lillian Overman, Vickey Smith, Mamie Smith, Mary Moore, Adeline Parks, Lizzie Vinson, Julia Best, Bettie Futrelle, Lillie Smith, Bertie Wade, Myrtle Gray,

Laura M. Howard, Helen Butts, Cora Thomas, Nora Smith, Sadie Helm, Hattie Coker, Katie Alphin, Carrie Hines, Lillian Howell, Nannie Smith, Zephia Kennedy, Annie Gurley, Anne Daniels, Mildred Daniels, Helen Newsome, Selma Lancaster, Mamie Edwards, Lillie Waters, Sallie Best, Clara Gurganus, Rossie Kennedy, Emma Smith, Addie Grant, Lula Killelte, Mabel Wise, Lou Anne Gardner, Edith F. Stallings, Beatrice Creech, Hepsey Carter, Lula Person, Berchie Grady, Dora W. Smith, Nancy S. Johnson, Edith Thomas, Leona Thomas, Pearl Killelte, Ophelia Howell, Clara Stallings, Pauline Bliss Butts, Mary Smith, Peggy Howell, Louise Corbett, Alice Mae Hines, Rena Mae Tyndall,

J.D. Butler, R.L. Lewis, J. Overman, Lonnie Killelte, Jim Berry Smith, Heck Howell, Johnnie Howell, Paul Davis, Jonathan Worrell, Authur Stafford, Charlie Killelte, John H.B. Smith, S.A. Webber, David Gurley, Richard Hare, Jr., Sarah J. Smith, N.B. Smith, John Ann Newsome, Martha Baker, B. Roberts, Cora Smith, Lillie Vinson, Patience Lewis, Mary E. Gurley, Katie Taylor, Frances Sauls, Lonie Moore, Annie Howell, Minnie Ward, Victoria West, Angelene Bartlette, Willie Herring, Emma Webber, Mary L. Hare, Betsy Vinson, Effie Walker, Mary Sullivan, Ella Davis, Mamie Bartlette, Nancy Worrell, Jackie Ann Matthews, Minnie Hare, Fannie Jackson, Dora Person, Bessie Overman, Doris Sullivan, Rosa Vinson, Laulas Newsome, Pauline Sauls, Tiney Walston, Alma Hubert, Pauline Smith, Emma Person, Eula Peele, Rebecca Smith, Blanche Butts, Nora Tyndall, Ruby Jewell Roberts, Essie Howell, Pearl Smith, Bertha Blizzard, Nora Mae Carter, Mamie C. Smith, Sallie Killelte, Jesse Corbett, Dora Smith, Dolly Gray, Elizabeth Gurley, Lillie G. Smith, Minnie Vinson, Nursie Howell, Lula Mae Killelte, Mitte Pauline Killelte, Lillian Gurley, Emma Lee Boyette, Lizzie Jackson, Irene Best, Pauline Carter, Pearly Mae Best, Naoma Best, Nettie Turnage and Mertie Anderson.

The deed of 1886 shows the old road running in a line behind the mobile homes and down the field located on the left side of the present church. The old road was called the Old Saulston Road which was

moved and is now known as Central Height's Road. When the road was changed about one-half acre of land owned by Mr. W. Luby Smith was involved and the land was donated to the church. There may not have been a deed made for the land since one cannot be found. But knowing Mr. W. Luby Smith as a man who trusted everybody, probably this was done by word of mouth and handshake as many did in these early years.

1931 records show Reverend C.A. Jackson as pastor. Trustees were Emmett Smith, Kirby Smith, Richard Hare and George Hare. R.H. Kennedy served as clerk.

From early recollections of Woods Grove Church some remember the early church had double doors opening on the front and a side door at the back. An "Amen Corner" was on each side of the pulpit consisting of one row of long pews and two rows of short pews painted a medium shade of brown. Heaters were odd looking oval shaped and about thirty inches tall, with one in front and one in back of church. Clear glass windows were raised to bring in fresh air in summer. Rayo lamps hung from the ceiling. The floors were bare wood; the yards were sand and toilets with concealing walls were outdoors. Those out-houses were just past the graveyard near a thicket on the right side of the church.

Water was supplied from a hand pump which in 1933 cost one dollar and eighty cents. There was no custodian, so members cleaned the church and yard as needed. On the left side of the church under a grove of shade trees was a picnic table made from boards which in time began to sag, so wire was tightly stretched across the boards. The table was used for many years and for many occasions.

During the early years, quarterly meetings were on Saturday with preaching in the morning, then lunch on the grounds, and afternoon business meetings. The meetings ended with communion and the ordinance of feet washing. Homecomings were observed on the second Sunday in May, and was a great time of fellowship. During the forties, when money was hard to come by the church assessed members dues of five dollars for women and ten dollars for men each year. As the church began to increase in finances, the dues were discontinued.

As transportation means were limited, many came to church by various ways, many by walking. Church members remained faithful and grew in the knowledge of the Lord. Woods Grove has always been considered one of the major churches in the area and people came for miles to worship. Worship services were held on the second Sunday of each month for several years. Later services changed to second and fourth Sunday of each month. Church services gave members and visitors opportunity to fellowship around the noon time meal, as many visitors were invited to go home with members. Pastors and their families were always invited to dinner by various members.

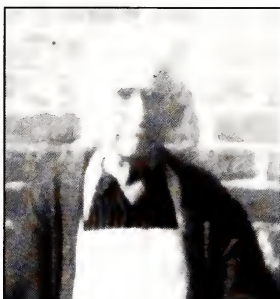
Sometime before 1938, Miss Lillie Vinson gave the church a new larger heater for the center of the church. Young boys in the neighborhood, William and Charles Smith, cut the wood the length needed for the new heater. C. Ray and David Smith, their younger brothers would build the fire late Saturday afternoon and go back early Sunday morning to put more wood and coal in for the services. They were paid five dollars per year for this service.

During the early years the church was actively involved in supporting an orphanage, which was located in the old headquarters building in Dunn, North Carolina. Mr. R.S. Hare was one of the trustees to serve on the Orphanage Board. Many were saddened when this ministry was discontinued.

At a regular business meeting in October, 1931, it was moved, seconded and carried that each member failing to communicate with the church either in person or by letter at one quarterly meeting each year would be placed on a suspended roll. The condition under which they could be restored was to come back to the church, make a proper confession to the church, pay up their back dues, and ask to be restored. This action was taken while Reverend C.A. Jackson was pastor and moderator.



BERTIE LEWIS WADE
(1878-1950)
Early Church Member



BELLE SMITH
(1862-1945)
Early Church Member



KATIE & L.G. TAYLOR
Early Church Members



W. LUBY & DORA W. SMITH
C. Ray Smith's Parents
Early Church Members



SARAH JANE SAULS LEWIS
1848-1925
MAE LEWIS
1886-1904



REV. C. A. JACKSON, NORMA THOMAS
HERMAN SMITH, REV. K.D. BROWN
Early 1930's

LET US REMEMBER



EARLY YEARS OF ORPHANAGE IN DUNN, NC



MINNIE AND RICHARD HARE

Minnie Hare - First Home Missions Treasurer

Richard Hare - Trustee on Orphanage Board



REV. L. V. DAVIS
Pastor - 1936



REV. K.D. BROWN
Pastor - Early 40's



REV. AND MRS. J. EDWARD JOHNSON
Pastor - 1942



1940 - CORNER OF 13 NORTH AND HOOD SWAMP ROAD

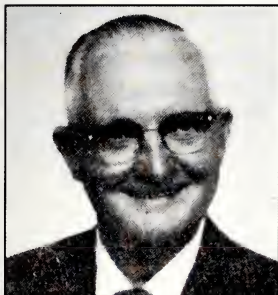


ROW 1 (L-R): RAYMOND TAYLOR, KIRBY SMITH, W. LUBY SMITH, GEORGE PEELE. ROW 2: ELISHA BUTTS, WALTER ANDERSON, RILEY COKER, JOHN D. NEWSOME

Early 40's - Front Steps of church



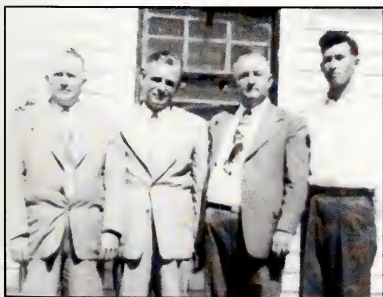
REVEREND AND MRS. ERNEST KILLETTE
Late 1940's



REVEREND J.E. ANDREWS
Pastor - 1948



SIDE VIEW OF OLD EDUCATIONAL BUILDING FRONT
1950's



NORWOOD VINSON, R.O. BYRD, J.E. ANDREWS, ALTON COLIE
Early 1950's



INTERIOR OF CHURCH EARLY 50's
CHOIR ON LEFT SIDE



REVEREND RALPH & MARGIE BYRD
Pastor - 1951



PASTOR & DEACONS

Pastor: R.O. Byrd

Deacons: Kirby Smith, John D. Newsome, Hanness Kennedy,
Riley Coker, Henry Worrell, Johnny Smith
Early 1950's



CHURCH MEMBERS 1950's
E. Butts, Cora Smith, Sally Thomas, Helen Butts



MISS CORA SMITH
Oldest Living Member
Died at 101 Years Old



1ST CHURCH PARSONAGE - 1958



REVEREND NATHAN HANCHEY & WIFE MYRTLE - 1959



WOODS GROVE CHURCH - 1962



REVEREND ROY & MONTIER SAVAGE - 1967

Revivals were a very important part of the church, with a two-week revival being held in the spring and fall. Families living close to the church would provide room and board for the visiting evangelists. They cooked their meals, washed and ironed their clothes, always giving the best they could afford. Evangelist were paid twenty-five dollars per week in 1931.

When souls were saved they were immediately baptized in a creek or pond and united with the church. Many saved in those early revivals fell by the wayside, but many stood the test of time. Many of these descendants are still carrying the torch.

The music of the church was a time of joy. Many times there was no one to play the piano, but songs were sung just the same. A copy of the first song book used cannot be located, but a copy of the second hymn book has been saved. The people sang from their hearts for "God's" blessing even though there were times when only their needs were met.

Records show that the early believers were mission minded. Mrs. Minnie Hare, wife of Mr. R.S. Hare began the Home Mission Society. An offering was taken once a month to be used to help the needy. This society proved to be a great blessing to the community.

In 1936 Reverend L.V. Davis was elected Pastor and Mr. Emmette Smith elected clerk. Reverend Davis was followed by Reverend K.D. Brown. It was during this time that two rooms were added, as the Sunday School and Church Membership continued to increase. Reverend J. Edward Johnson followed Brother Brown in 1942. He was a quiet gentle man of God. Brother Johnson served until 1945 when Reverend E.A. Killelte was elected as pastor. During Brother Killelte's tenure with the church more Sunday School rooms were added.

Very few records have been found of some of the earlier years, but in 1948, Reverend J.E. Andrews was elected to serve the church as pastor. There became a tremendous need for more rooms. In 1950 an addition to the rear of the church was completed. The 30 x 60 feet addition was for more classrooms and meeting rooms. Most important during Brother Andrew's pastorate was a great spiritual awakening in the community. Many were saved and the membership roll grew to two hundred and eighty-three.

The year 1950 saw several changes as Mr. Riley Coker, Mr. John D. Newsome and Mr. Johnnie Smith were elected deacons. Mr. R.H. Kennedy accepted the responsibility of clerk and treasurer, serving until 1954 when he became ill and Mrs. Mable Coker was elected to replace him.

In 1951 Reverend R.O. Byrd became Woods Grove pastor. Brother Byrd saw the need of remodeling the church and an extensive remodeling project began. This was a complete church job; floors, walls, ceiling, gas heating system, new pews, pulpit and carpeting. Stained glass windows replaced the older windows with numerous families purchasing windows in honor or in memory with names being engraved on each window. A new piano was purchased which was needed. Now with a more beautiful church the people rejoiced to see how God had blessed Woods Grove since 1885.

On July 26, 1952, Mr. R.S. Hare, a life-long member, Deacon and Trustee of the Church, passed away. He was not only remembered as being kind and understanding, but also for not missing a quarterly meeting for fifty years.

For several years the congregation had desired to build a parsonage for their pastor so he would not have to travel so far each week to minister to the flock. While Reverend Byrd was pastor he traveled from Angier, North Carolina each week. Rain, sleet or snow, he was always at the church. Brother Byrd was a loving pastor who had an interest in everyone, young or old. A devoted father of six children, he and his wife Margie were always faithful in bringing the family along. He was special to many of us.

On January 11, 1953, one of the life-long members, Miss Lillie Vinson, passed away and left the

church five hundred dollars to be used for painting and repairs. The realization of a parsonage was seen in 1957 when Mr. and Mrs. Burtus Smith gave the Church a beautiful lot in the Pinewood area. A new three bedroom, brick veneer home was erected. Completed in 1958 and rented out for short time until Reverend Nathan F. Hanchey, wife Myrtle and their three children moved in on September 13, 1959.

Up until Brother Hanchey became our pastor the church had Sunday worship services on second and fourth Sunday. Being a great lover of the word, he suggested we go full time with morning and evening services with the exception of fifth Sunday. Fifth Sunday would give the Pastor and his family time to visit their family and friends in other areas.

Christmas has always been a special time at Woods Grove. In December 1961, the tradition of giving bags of fruit and candy to all who attended the Christmas program was started. A Christmas tree and sometimes a Santa Claus were also enjoyed by adults and children. This tradition is still alive today.

An important item of business took place on January 13, 1963, when the church voted to change the deed of the church property to be held by the Trustees of Woods Grove Pentecostal Free Will Baptist, instead of having it owned jointly with the Conference.

In 1963, the Sunday School showed an increase in attendance and two rooms were created in the old education building by erecting partitions between existing rooms. To show how time changes, it is interesting to note the expense of the church in 1963.

First class stamps - 6¢ each

Three month supply of bulletins - \$6.12

Electrical bill for year - \$44.76

Church insurance for year - \$31.12

Pastor's salary per week - \$100.00

Gas for Sunday School heaters per year - \$10.00

Under the leadership of Brother Hanchey, in 1964, four more classrooms and a kitchen with a reception room were built. This building is used today for many occasions.

On April 9, 1966, the membership voted to move the choir from the side of the church to behind the pulpit. This space had been used as a Sunday School room prior to the move. Tithing envelopes were first used in 1966 giving members a better record at the end of the year for tax purposes. Also during this time it was decided to air condition the church, but not the Sunday School buildings. These were to be done later as money became available.

Rev. Roy Savage, his wife Montier and two daughters began their ministry at Woods Grove the first Sunday in 1967. A son was born to the couple a few years later. Brother Savage had a great compassion for young people and through the promotion of Sunday School work, the church grew. Mary Pelt was elected to replace Mabel Coker as clerk of the church in 1967. With over forty years of service, Mary is still clerk as this history is written. Another important change took place on April 20, 1967, when the regular weekly prayer service, which for years had been on Thursday night, was changed to Wednesday night. It was called Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Service.

On January 11, 1967, the church found it necessary to limit grave plots to church members and their families. At this time, trees, vines, bushes and undergrowth was removed and dirt hauled in so grass could be sown. Later, because of the need for expansion and parking space the church voted to discontinue burials in the existing graveyard. The graveyard has been maintained since 1985 by Glenn Thomas to whom we owe a debt of gratitude.

Also during Brother Savage's ministry, walkways were paved, grounds landscaped and shrubbery was planted. During the 1960's a copy machine was put into use so the church began printing its bulletins for church services. In the late 1960's, the parsonage was repainted, floors received new covering, new kitchen appliances were purchased and storm windows were added. The church was also painted and new light fixtures replaced the out-dated ones. A first for the church took place in November, 1969 when the Sunday morning church services began to be broadcast over WGBR Radio Station in Goldsboro.

During July, 1970, the outside of the church, including the top and underpinning was painted. Fire extinguishers were placed in the building, and new hymn books were purchased. The vestibule was paneled, the furnace removed from the foyer and indoor-outdoor carpet was installed. The Educational Building was also repainted. A great improvement was seen in the physical appearance of the church.

Brother Savage again led the church and Sunday School through a promotional program and this resulted in many being added to Sunday School membership. Because of this growth, it became necessary to again build. A building, 30 x 65 feet was attached to the existing educational building which contained ten classrooms and a pastor's study. Later one classroom came to be used for a part time secretary's office.

The congregation, at the suggestion of the pastor, voted to change Homecoming Day from the second Sunday in May to the fourth Sunday in October. This was called Harvest Day and the church continues to meet on fourth Sunday in October as Homecoming Day/Harvest Day.

Prior to Reverend Harold Heath coming to pastor the church, the church voted to sell the parsonage in the Pinewood area and build a larger one on New Hope Road in Vinson Manor area. A lot was secured from Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Vinson. The contractor for the new parsonage was Malcolm Gurley and it was built at a cost of \$30,000. This parsonage was later sold and now the pastor receives a housing allowance each month.

On the 27th day of August, 1972 Reverend Harold Heath came and delivered a message entitled "What I Want The Church To Do". Two weeks later, his family became a part of the community as they moved into the newly constructed parsonage on New Hope Road. The following month saw the parsonage yard landscaped, a concrete driveway poured, gutters installed and new drapes hung in the entire house. Also a new lawn mower was purchased.

Again in 1974 the church began an extensive renovation project. The sanctuary was enlarged to its present size, seating about five hundred people. Improvements included an inclined floor, new upholstered pews, carpeting, light fixtures, additional restrooms, water coolers and P.A. system. The choir loft was situated behind the pulpit in front of beautiful Baptistry with a lovely scene depicting John the Baptist baptizing Jesus. This beautiful scene was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Vinson. The outside of the church was bricked and a steeple was added. At this time the church borrowed \$75,000 for the renovation job and was blessed to pay off the debt in little over two years.

During the early 1970's garbage collection service by Wooten Garbage Services was begun. This service was a far cry from the time when trash was carried home by members who used the facilities.

The Church began a tape ministry, July 7, 1973. This proved to be a blessing to the shut-ins as tapes of the church service were carried by individuals each week to those who had missed the service. The April 7, 1973 minutes show that the Building Fund Treasury and Church Treasury were combined as one. Lucille Smith was elected to be responsible for this. This helped with record keeping as the church finances increased. At the October, 1973 meeting the treasurer began providing written reports of each quarter. This gave members a better knowledge of the financial status of the church. The Sunday night offering was eliminated also. A budget was given to members, but was never accepted, so the budget issue was



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WITH SANTA CLAUS



NORWOOD & BESSIE LEE VINSON



REVEREND HAROLD & MYRA HEATH
Pastor 1972



CHILDREN'S CHURCH DIRECTORS
Bonnie Thompson, Lois Mitchell, Kay Hill
1976



REVEREND J.T. BLANTON & WIFE RUTH
Interim Pastor - 1978



REVEREND RAYMOND TARKENTON & WIFE ELIZABETH
Pastor - 1979



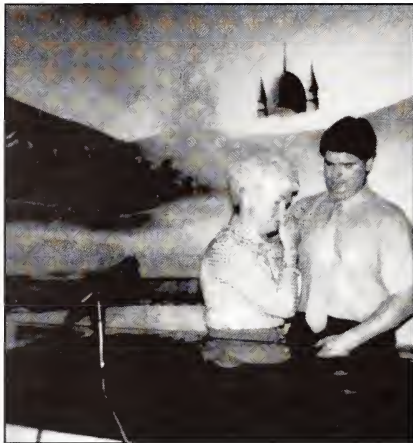
REVEREND CLYDE SHELTON & WIFE HELEN
Pastor - 1981
2nd Parsonage



TEACHERS & OFFICERS LEAVING FOR WORKSHOP IN CHARLOTTE, NC
Pastor: Clyde Shelton - Secretary & Treasurer - Lucille Smith



At Highway 13 North & Tommy's Road



RONNIE WEAVER - Pastor 1985
Baptizing Rachel Crawford



100TH ANNIVERSARY
Homecoming Day - 1985



HOMECOMING DAY - 1985

dropped. The Church membership on October 18, 1973 was one hundred and eighty-eight members. Another change took place when Communion and feet washing was changed to Sunday night after each quarterly business meeting.

Heritage Bible College Extension Classes were started for church leaders, teachers, and anyone interested in attending. This was for the Goldsboro District and began in the fall of 1973. These classes continued for several years. Many Sunday School Teachers attended and completed the four-year program that covered the entire bible. Several Woods Grove teachers completed the course, but only Mary Pelt, Lucille Smith and Peggy Watson took the examination for credits and received Certificates from Heritage Bible College. The class teachers were Dr. Ned Sauls and Reverend Elvin Butts.

April 10, 1976 saw the beginning of Children's Church Ministry. Directors were Lois Mitchell, Bonnie Thompson and Kay Hill.

To better serve the church members, on April 9, 1977, the Saturday night business meeting was changed to Wednesday night before the second Sunday of each quarter. Communion and feet washing followed on the Sunday night following. At this meeting the church hired a full-time custodian, Mr. Jesse Bundy. This was a special day for members and teachers who cleaned the church and Sunday School rooms.

A special celebration with a note burning service was held on Homecoming Day, October 23, 1977. Reverend Edward Johnson, a former pastor, was guest speaker. Records show that in the 1977-1978 year, the Woods Grove Church was the top giver to missions with a total of \$12,593.20.

Reverend Harold Heath completed his ministry at the church in the early part of 1978. On July 3, 1978, Reverend J.T. Blanton was called out of retirement to serve as interim pastor. The church was blessed greatly to have him and his wife, Ruth who had such love and compassion for people. During the six months he served the church, a car was given to them, hoping to make their travel from Durham, North Carolina each week more pleasant. It was a blessing to fellowship each week with this couple as members would provide Sunday dinner and supper for them.

A precious member, Mrs. Nannie Daniels passed away in 1978 and left the church one thousand dollars and the youth department five hundred dollars. At this time a memorial fund was established with the thousand dollars. Mr. Cecil Sutton served as treasurer of this fund until his death. The memorial fund still continues today, and when members pass away, donations given to memorialize individuals are added.

On April 4, 1979, Reverend Raymond Tarkenton and wife Elizabeth became a part of Woods Grove. Brother Tarkenton relieved Brother and Sister Blanton to return to their retirement in Durham, North Carolina. Reverend Tarkenton immediately began a radio ministry.

During 1979, additional restrooms were added, and a sound system room was completed. A part-time secretary, Mrs. Peggy Smith was employed for Brother Tarkenton. In July, 1979, a 1977 maxi van and a used activity bus were purchased and the church began a visitation training program and a bus ministry. The bus ministry did not accomplish what was hoped for and was discontinued. During this period of time a new well was put in to take care of the growth of the church and a new air and heating system was purchased for \$7,280.00. Handicapped spaces were also added. Prior to the church parking lot being paved the shade trees were removed. The paving made for a nice parking lot and was completed in 1980.

Prior to 1980 Lois Mitchell began a Children's Church Choir. She was assisted by Bonnie Thompson and Rose Sutton, the pianist. Since then several ladies have been involved in Children's Church. Donna Ham Lewis is presently serving as Director as this is being written. Some of those who have been a part of this ministry is as follows: Hope Ham, Betsy Jackson, Michelle Gurley, Judy Smith and could

have been others. Michelle Cooke at present is Director of the young age group.

A motion to establish a Chair of Administration at Heritage Bible College by the Woods Grove Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church was made March 9, 1980. It was recommended that this be called "The Riley B. Coker Chair of Administration". The Church voted to contribute to this chair in the amount of \$15,000 by August 10, 1980 and afterward to contribute \$5,000 each year to perpetuate this chair. Church minutes also record that the church voted to begin fifth Sunday morning services, no evening services, on August 31, 1980. This still continues today.

Reverend Tarkenton asked that the church purchase a dual cassette duplication model number 2770 a.v. from Christian Duplication International Inc. at a cost of \$1,195.00. This would enable volunteers to take tapes of the services to shut-ins. Also it was decided to purchase tape players for those unable to afford one.

During 1980, the church purchased a newer bus at the cost of \$20,000. On October 8, 1980, recognizing the need of Bible College training for students going into the ministry, the congregation passed a motion to pay tuition for students in good standing to attend Heritage Bible College. This was inacted for several years to help ministerial students at college.

Brother Tarkenton was followed by Reverend Clyde Shelton and on October 28, 1981, Brother Shelton and his wife Helen became a part of the church. Reverend Shelton believed strongly in education and training for leaders and especially teachers. Shortly after beginning his ministry he proposed to send church and Sunday School leaders and youth workers to a two-day workshop in Charlotte, North Carolina. This was attended by twenty-seven workers including the pastor and his wife. For two years leaders attended these workshops, with the church paying expenses, except for meals. Many came back from classes with new ideas and a desire to learn to be better leaders.

The need arose for additional office space in the Pastor's study. The Pastor's study was moved over into a Sunday School room and the outer office was used for a part-time secretary. Lucille Smith was hired to fill this position, combining the secretary and treasurer job to one person who worked from home and put in twenty hours a week in the church office.

Reverend Shelton was a lover of books with over one thousand books in his collection. Thus it became necessary to build book cases to house this volume of books. Every book was listed and catalogued in a special book by the secretary. Sermons were also listed. Reverend Shelton was always willing to lend his books.

During this time the church voted to combine the following treasurer: Church, Sunday School, Building Fund and Children's Church. This proved to help with record keeping for income tax purposes.

With God's blessing, the church, being a mission minded group, has helped other churches and foreign missions. Some examples are Keith Black, missionary to Costa Rica, \$13,944.00 for one year. Rose Hill Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church - \$1,500; Trinity Pentecostal Free Will Baptist - \$4,000 to help build a new church; and Home Mission for needy families too numerous to list.

In January, 1983, with the Sunday School roll at almost four hundred and the church roll increasing, a dedicated group of church members felt the call to begin a new church. The area chosen was in the Coker Mill Community. At a special church service on March 6, 1983, the group departed from Woods Grove and began meeting in a building in the Coker Mill area. Sixteen members of Woods Grove left and became charter members of the new church, Coker Memorial Pentecostal Free Will Baptist. Later other family members left Woods Grove to help in this great mission. During the first year Woods Grove mothered the church by contributing \$500.00 per month. God blessed both Woods Grove and Coker Memorial

in this new mission work.

On October 6, 1984, the church adopted the motto "Where You Are Loved" became a standard on the Bulletin Board and cassette copies of the church. In May, 1985, the church celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. This was held on a Saturday. A great time of sharing old pictures, antiques, and a ride on an old car furnished by Facie Weeks was enjoyed by all. Refreshments of cookies and lemonade were served. As we celebrated we reflected back on where God had brought the church in the past hundred years. The celebration committee was Mr. and Mrs. C. Ray Smith and Mary Pelt. It was at the April, 1985 meeting that our pastor resigned so he could return to his home near Clinton, North Carolina, but the celebration was held even though we did not have a pastor.

Reverend Ronnie Weaver assumed the Pastorate in the summer of 1985. With his wife, Teresa and two sons moving into the church parsonage. However, on January 15, 1987, a group of twenty-seven people, mostly young couples, decided to start a new church with Reverend Weaver as their pastor. Among those leaving were the piano player, the organist, the choir director and several youth leaders. Woods Grove, remaining a mission minded church and desiring to share God's blessing, voted to give the new church \$500.00 per month for one year. The church became known as Abundant Life Pentecostal Free Will Baptist. With all the changes in leadership, God continued to bless Woods Grove and dedicated Christians stepped in to fill the positions vacated by those who had left to start another church.

CHAPTER 3

A New Era

In 1979 a young man was invited to Woods Grove for a revival. Little did we know that this young minister would become the pastor of the church eight years later. The Reverend Mike (David Michael) Grady was ordained in June, 1977 and began to serve the Free Gospel Church. In leaving there, he came to Woods Grove as pastor in February, 1987. His wife, Hilda Grace, son, Mike Jr. and daughter Michelle, became a part of our lives as well.

At this time the church voted to sell the parsonage located on New Hope Road for \$56,066.68. This move was made so the newly elected pastor could continue to live in his own home. The church would in turn, give him a housing allowance each month.

Brother Grady came to the church at a time when the congregation was in need of love, unity and encouragement. This he accomplished by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The following year the church voted to enclose the entire back area between the church and Educational Building. This was done at a cost of \$13,813.00. This has proved to be one of the most used areas of the church. Again the congregation, desiring to share what God had blessed us with, voted to send \$6,000 to Costa Rica mission project to build a school.

In 1988, the church began to receive water from the Fork Township Sanitary District. Also, the educational building and breezeway was carpeted and the kitchen received a new tile job. An ice machine was put in the kitchen the following year.

A young minister, Robert Linens who had just graduated from Heritage Bible College, was employed on November 1, 1988. Reverend Linens filled the position of Youth Pastor. The church gave the Youth Department 2% of the Sunday offering to operate. However, desiring to pastor a church, Brother Linens resigned after about a year and went into full-time ministry.

In September, 1989, Reverend Danny Hamm was employed to fill the position of Youth Minister. Danny was called into the ministry in January, 1988 at his home church, Free Gospel Tabernacle, Shine Crossroads Community and one year later was ordained by the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Conference. He and his wife, Teresa served Woods Grove until May, 1990. At this time Brother Ham left to pastor Cora's Grove Church in Burgaw, North Carolina and later pastored Free Chapel Church in the Patetown community for two years. Danny is now involved in Evangelistic Work with a T.V. program twice a week and attends his home church, Free Gospel Pentecostal Free Will Baptist.

At the April, 1991 business meeting a vote was taken to renovate the inside of the church. New carpet was added, the pews were replaced, the altar rail was removed and steps were built around the pulpit area. The piano and organ were also raised on platforms.

During 1991, the church donated \$1,000 to one of our fellow churches, Hodges Chapel, Dunn North Carolina which had been destroyed by fire. The educational building roof was replaced in 1992 and in 1993 the church vestibule was completely remodeled along with a new paint job on the inside of the church. A twenty-nine passenger bus was put into operation during this time as well. The year 1994 saw new shingles installed on the church building and the sound system was updated.

On January 11, 1995, the membership of the church voted to build a new fellowship hall. The size would be five-thousand square feet. In order to pay for the project, the parsonage fund - \$66,700, was to be used. The membership raised \$68,433 and the church borrowed the balance needed for the construction. The Lord blessed and the indebtedness was paid in a few years.

Homecoming was held on schedule in 1995, but due to the building project, the church did not have the traditional lunch and fellowship. Some land beside the church was purchased in 1994 and again in 1998. Approximately three acres were added. This enabled the parking lot to be enlarged with an athletic field and play ground for children. A picnic shelter with tables was built later on.

The new fellowship hall was dedicated on the fourth Sunday in October, 1996, during the regular Homecoming Service. The new building was dedicated to the glory of God in honor of the Reverend Grady for his supervision and tireless work on this project. A plaque with the name of the pastor and official board members was placed in the building. New P.A. System for the new fellowship hall was installed at a cost of \$1,158.00 the following year. The parking lot was resurfaced in June of 1997 at a cost of \$23,900.00.

Records show that in 1999, nineteen members joined the church, with total membership being two-hundred and thirty-nine. As the membership roll increased, the official board began to assist the pastor in visiting the shut-ins and in making hospital visits. This enabled the pastor to spend more time in prayer and study of the Word in preparation of his sermons.

In 2000 a much needed carport was built on the right side of the church at a cost of \$23,350.00. This addition has been especially enjoyed by the ladies of the church during rainy weather.

The church membership met for a special called business meeting on June 20, 2001 for the purpose of purchasing 5-6 acres of land adjoining the church property. The purchase cost was \$350,000. Again the Lord blessed the people and the indebtedness was paid off in a few years. Three of our men, Grover Smith, Winston Smith and C. Ray Smith have maintained this land by cutting the grass as needed. Chris Gurley maintains the athletic field and Glenn Thomas cares for the church yard. These men volunteer their time and equipment and a special thanks is due them for a job well done.

The church voted on April 11, 2001 to brick the back of the old educational building, but this was delayed until 2003 due to the expense of finishing the ball field and installing fence around the front of the field. Security lights were installed at the corners of the new fellowship hall in 2002 and in 2003 a new security system was installed due to lightning damage to the old system. This same year a contract was begun for cleaning the church and a stage was added in the fellowship hall for children's programs.

The year 2004 brought more improvements. A new organ was purchased and two more handicapped parking spaces were added.



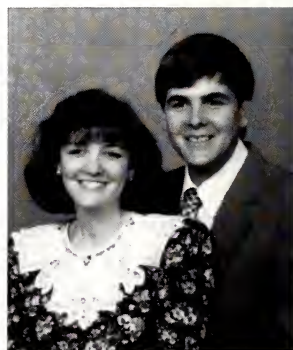
WOODS GROVE PENTECOSTAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH - 2009



**REVEREND DAVID (MIKE)
& HILDA GRADY
Pastor - 1987**



**REVEREND ROBERT & GLENDA LINENS
Youth Pastor - 1988**



**REVEREND DANNY
& TERESA HAMM
Youth Pastor - 1989**



LAND PURCHASED BEHIND CHURCH IN 2001



GRAVEYARD - 2008



DEACONS 2009 — Mike Gurley, Mike Grady - Pastor, Donald Ham, Grover Smith, Nelson Creech, Tommy Hare
TRUSTEES 2009 — Nelson Creech, C. Ray Smith, D.J. Pelt



REVEREND CINDY BARTLETT - Assistant to Pastor
and husband Johnny

A new church bus was purchased at the cost of \$62,850 in 2005, with the capacity of twenty-nine people. Later on in 2008 a pre-fabricated shelter was put up to protect the bus from weather and vandalism. Sunday night services changed year round to begin at 6:00 p.m. Also, Wednesday night prayer and Bible study and revival services were set at 7:00 p.m. The church business meeting was changed to meet every six months instead of every quarter, the first meeting on that schedule being July 11, 2007. Communion continued to be observed four times a year, however.

In 2007 the handicapped ramp porch was enclosed, because of the cold temperatures in winter. The church also elected trustees for six-year terms with Nelson Creech, D.J. Pelt and C. Ray Smith serving at this time. Deacons were elected for two-year terms. Those serving at time of this writing are Nelson Creech, Donald Ham, Mike Gurley, Grover Smith and Tommy Hare current. Ernest and Vernell Quinn serve as secretary and treasurer, security - Margie Jackson, Mary Pelt - clerk. Records show that two-hundred and three were added to the church roll between 1987 and 2008.

In February, 2009 a small Hispanic group started using Woods Grove Church as a place of worship. They meet on Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons in the children's church room. Brother Arnulfo Gomey was recently licensed by the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Conference in Dunn, North Carolina. We are pleased to be able to share our facilities with them, because God has blessed Woods Grove greatly.

February 13, 2008, a special called business meeting was held for the purpose of discussing a new sound system in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. This was done at a cost of \$26,000 and of this writing has been used for a funeral which was much needed for the overflow of people attending large gatherings.

On May 4, 2008, the church was blessed to have Cindy Bartlett to begin a ministerial internship for a period of six months. Cindy received conference license from the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Inc. on July 30, 2008. She gave her life to Jesus Christ on October 22, 1994 and in February, 1995, began preaching on T.V. with the Reverend Ralph Ginn, her father. She is married to Johnny F. Bartlett and is the mother of a son, Eric. She is a member of Fort Run Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, teaches Sunday School, has a rest home ministry once a week at Sutton's Rest Home, and a prison ministry at four correction centers and has two T.V. programs each week. Cindy also works as a dental assistant. Reverend Bartlett also does special singing. Woods Grove has been blessed to have this young lady for her internship. At the end of Sister Cindy's internship, the church voted to retain her as a part time assistant to the pastor. Cindy will be going before the ordination counsel of the conference in 2009 to become a ordained minister. In the early part of 2009 Cindy transferred her church membership to Woods Grove.

In August, 2008, Glenn Thomas Jr. replaced his father by volunteering to cut the grass. Glenn maintained the church yards for twenty-three years.

Children's Church continues to meet each Sunday, under the direction of Donna Lewis and Michelle Cooke. Others who have ministered in Children's Church in the past years include: Michelle Gurley, Betsy Jackson Corbett, Hope Ham, Judy Smith and could have been others. The church supports the General Conference with ten percent tithes each month. Missions receives four percent and Heritage Bible College receives four percent.

A special service was held November 9, 2008 in the Fellowship Hall. A video prepared by Bob Lee, one of the Veterans of the church was shown on the screen during a special Veterans service. In order to accomplish this, Bob collected old photos of those who served in the various branches of service. This presentation was a very moving experience, since many of our veterans have passed away. Bob presented each veteran and their family with a copy of the video. After the presentation, we enjoyed a social of food and fellowship. To Bob we say thank you for a job well done.

A list of Veterans as follows:

WOODS GROVE VETERANS PROUD TO HAVE SERVED

<u>VETERANS</u>	<u>WAR</u>	<u>BRANCH OF SERVICE</u>
Reuben Browder		Army
Emmett Carter	WWII	Army
Larry Coker	Vietnam	N.C.N.G.
Nelson Creech		N.C.N.G.
Harold Davis		Army
Rose Edmundson	Korean War	Army
Mike Grady	Vietnam	N.C.N.G.
Ray Gurganus	Korean War	Army
Ricky Gurganus	Vietnam	Army
Jesse J. Gurley	Korean War	Army
Edgar Gurley, Jr.		
JP Gurley	Korean War	Army
Malcolm Gurley	Korean War	Army
Tommy Hare	Vietnam	Army
Bill Kennedy	Vietnam	Air Force
Robert L. Lee	Vietnam	Air Force
Samuel Mangum		
Kenneth Meyers		Army / N.C.N.G.
Bob Murphy	Vietnam	Air Force
D.J. Pelt	WWII	USMC/Army
Doug Sauls	Vietnam	Army
Rayford Scott	Korean War	Army
Albert Smith		Navy
Grover Smith	Korean War	Army
James Smith	Korean War/Vietnam	Air Force
C. Ray Smith	WWII	Army
Russell Smith	Korean War	Army
Peter Wene	Vietnam	Air Force
Kay Wene		Air Force
Ernest Quinn		Army Reserve

NOVEMBER 2008

VETERANS DAY

WOODS GROVE FELLOWSHIP HALL



ROW 1 (L-R): Peter Wene, Bob Lee, James Smith, C. Ray Smith, Bob Murphy, Malcolm Gurley.
ROW 2: D.J. Pelt, Kay Wene, Russell Smith, Ricky Gurganus, Bill Kennedy, JP Gurley, Edgar Gurley, Jr. ROW 3: Mike Grady - Pastor, Albert Smith, Tommy Hare, Grover Smith, Jay Worrell, Ernest Quinn, Reuben Browder. ROW 4: Bud Coker, Jesse Gurley, Rayford Scott, Bobby Smith, Nelson Creech.

February, 2009 one Sunday School room and the breezeway received new carpet. Also the church donated ten thousand dollars to Heritage Bible College for renovation of dormitory rooms. The church annual pastor appreciation day was held February 22, 2009. This day is set aside to honor our pastor and his wife for all they do for the Kingdom of God. The morning service was a time to honor the couple with gifts and plaques. The evening service was a special occasion for the couple as they renewed their marriage vows and special music was provided in honor of them. We then gathered in the fellowship hall for a video of Brother Mike and his family going back to his early age. Special guests included family and friends. Reverend Grady became sick at the first of the year and Reverend Cindy Bartlett has been serving the church on Sunday night with Brother Mike preaching on Sunday morning and Wednesday night.

March, 2009 a bronze plaque was placed on the brick wall near the front entrance to commemorate the year Woods Grove was started in this location - 1885.

Woods Grove Church has seen many changes since the first record of beginning in 1841, but God never changes. He is the same today as He was in 1841. The church has been blessed by God throughout these years, both materially and above all, spiritually. Time has taken its toll on membership, but still remains a pillow of the community.

Church membership as of February 2009 two hundred and fifteen members.

LIST OF MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

Anderson, George	Carter, Nellie	Davis, McClain
Mildred	Carter, Ronnie	Kendi
Anderson, Sherwood	Kathy	Warren
Phyllis	Carter, Kimberly	Blake
Joshua	Chase, Katrina	Edmundson, Rose
Anderson, Teresa	Coker, Larry	Nora Ann
Balance, Kristina	Pam	Edmundson, Dean
Bartlett, Cindy	Cooke, Ken	Carolyn
Eric	Michelle	Edwards, Peggy
Best, Judy	Ryan	Ellis, Billy
Bishop, Stevie	Kyle	Dolly
Melanie	Corbett, Clayton	Connie
Bissette, Tracey	Betsy	Dianna
Diane	Corbett, Joe	Evans, Irene
Branthoover, Margaret	Creech, Jerry	Ezzell, Evelyn
Browder, Reuben	Rhonda	Faircloth, Ava
Ann	Creech, Nelson	Grady, Mike
Candler, Edna	Carol	Hilda
Capps, Lola	Cromer, Bill	Grady, Mike Jr.
Carraway, Jane	Sandra	Tracey
Carter, Bruce	Daniels, Alene	Grant, Mrytle
Jessi	Darden Al	Griffith, Laura Ellen
Carter, Cleo	Cindy	Gurganus, Blanche
Carter, Emmett	Davis, Harold	Gurganus, Ray

Gurganus,	Ricky	King,	Rebecca	Smith,	Carolyn
	Linda	Kornegay,	Rosa	Smith,	Dawn
Gurley,	Barbara	Lee,	Bob	Smith,	Edward
Gurley,	Christopher	Lewis,	Chad		Norma Lee
	Michelle		Donna	Smith,	Emily
Gurley,	Edgar Gurley, Jr.	Mangum,	Samuel		Laura
	Melba		Rose	Smith,	E. L.
Gurley,	Helen	Meyers,	Janice		Judy
Gurley,	Horace	Miller,	Tom		Zackery
Gurley,	Jesse, Jr.		Susan	Smith,	Grover
	Katie	Mitchell,	Grover		Katherine
Gurley,	Jesse Ray	Mozingo,	Donna	Smith,	James
	Ann	Murphy,	Bob		Christine
Gurley,	JP		Shirley	Smith,	Dora Lee
Gurley,	John William	Murphy,	Hilda	Smith,	John Wayne
	Peggy	Newsome,	Linwood Earl	Smith,	Jonathan
Gurley,	Malcolm		Marjorie Rose	Smith,	Rodney
	Julia	Overman,	James		Belinda
Gurley,	Mike		Eleanor	Smith,	Russell
	Pam	Pate,	Carla P.		Joyce
Gurley,	Ruby	Peele,	Franklin	Smith,	Tony
Ham,	Donald		Mary Lee		Lou Ellen
	Anne	Peele,	Marie	Smith,	Mary
Ham,	James	Pelletier,	Annette	Smith,	Wayne
	Hope	Pelletier,	Todd	Smith,	Winston
	Scott		Gretchen	Sutton,	Mike
Hare,	Tommy	Pelt,	D.J.		Nannette
	Rita		Mary	Taylor,	Geraldine
	Danielle	Pike,	Brian		Pattie Lee
Herring,	Eleanor		Debbie	Taylor,	Sara Elizabeth
Herring,	Shelley	Price,	Dennis	Thomas,	Glenn
	Megan		Daphine	Tyndall,	Blair
Holloman,	Gail	Price,	Thurston		Lynne
Jackson,	Georgia Mae		Betty	Tyndall,	Chris
Jackson,	Margie	Purvis,	Bobby		Patricia
Jester,	Bond	Quinn,	Ernest	Tyndall,	Tim
	Marsha		Vernell		Joan
	Amanda	Sauls,	Doug	Tyndall,	Steward
Johnson,	Opal		Sherl		Maria
Jones,	Jimmy	Scott,	Rayford	Watson,	Peggy
	Peggy		Nancy	Wene,	Kay
Kennedy,	Bill	Simonetti,	Dana	Wiggs,	Grace
	Marie	Slusser,	Ann	Wood,	Amy
Kennedy,	Charles	Smith,	Betty Jean	Worrell,	Glennie
	Ethan	Smith,	Charlotte	Worrell,	Jay
Killingsworth,	Bill	Smith,	C. Ray	Worrell,	Lonie
	Emma		Lucille		



**SUNDAY MORNING
CONGREGATION
2009**

Interior of Church

USHERS - 2009

**Tommy Hare - Chairman
James Smith, James Ham
Tommy Hare, Dennis Price
Reuben Browder
John Wayne Smith
Russell Smith, Ray Gurganus
Rodney Smith
Linwood E. Newsome
Glenn Thomas, Chris Tyndall
D.J. Pelt, C. Ray Smith**



Mary Pelt, Church Clerk

**Vernell Quinn, Ernest Quinn
Secretary & Treasurer**

Margie Jackson - Security

**Reverend Cindy Bartlett
Assistant to Pastor**

CHAPTER 4

Called To Preach

ALTON COLIE

A baby boy was born into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Colie on August 30, 1925. This first-born child was destined to become a minister of the Gospel, being saved at the age of twenty-one. A few years before Alton received the call to go into the ministry, he fell in love and married a young lady named Adell Mitchell. Adell was a faithful member of Woods Grove Church being saved at age nineteen. This couple was married the last day of 1942 and blessed with a daughter in 1945. Adell became sick and passed away, March, 1950.

Brother Alton joined Woods Grove Church and, receiving the call to preach, began by preaching in homes, pack houses and sometimes in church. In 1948, Alton received local preaching license from the church and on April 9, 1949 was given permanent licenses by the Cape Fear Conference. Again on April 8, 1950 these licenses were renewed. Brother Colie was ordained January 28, 1953, by the Conference, giving him all the rights and privileges of the denomination.

On October 6, 1950, he married Marie Corbett and from this union, three children were born. Reverend Colie pastored several churches, Community Chapel in Nash County was his first church in the year 1952. At this time conference rules were that a pastor was only to stay at a church for three years. Therefore, leaving Community Chapel he went to Garland, North Carolina to minister at the church there.

In 1958, Reverend Colie received a call from the Free Chapel Church in the Patetown Community. Since many of the churches only worshipped two Sunday's in the month, Alton returned to Community Chapel and ministered two Sundays a month there, pastoring both churches. Besides pastoring full-time, he also worked at a secular job.

Leaving Free Chapel, this busy man went to Hassell as Pastor. Later he accepted the Pastorate of Brodgen Chapel near Dudley, North Carolina in 1969, and after leaving he accepted the call to South West Church in Kinston, North Carolina. Then after thirty years in the ministry, Brother Alton decided to come home to Woods Grove and just be a member. This was short lived, for after one year he was called to pastor the Goldsboro Church, and remained for eleven years.

July, 1995, finds him at McDaniels Church in Jones county preaching and leading the flock there until August, 1997. After fifty years in the ministry and forty-six of these pastoring churches, he felt that it was now time for retirement. In these fifty years, he faced many hardships as well as many victories. During his ministry he pastored eight churches, performed over ninety funerals and fifty weddings and



**PASTOR MIKE GRADY AND CONGREGATION OF WOODS GROVE CHURCH HONORED
REVEREND AND MRS. ALTON COLIE FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE**

baptized sixty-five new converts. He traveled over five hundred thousand miles. During all these fifty years God blessed this giant of God. Although he lost two wives and reared four children, Brother Alton never lost sight of the goal of ministry. This true servant of God had a remarkable memory for scripture, often quoting entire chapters and books of the Bible.

Woods Grove Church honored Reverend and Mrs. Colie with a special service and social to show their gratitude for his fifty years of faithful service. Brother Colie passed away in 2004, and his funeral was held at his home church, Woods Grove. He left a legacy behind as a great man of God.



REVEREND ALTON AND MARIE COLIE



REVEREND JOE AND BLANCHE GURGANUS

JOE GURGANUS

Joe Gurganus was born October 16, 1917 and married Blanche Daniels on December 7, 1935. From this union a son, Jimmy, and a daughter, Marie were born. Joe was saved at the age of thirty and attended Woods Grove Church. One year later in 1948, he received a call to preach the Word. After receiving local licenses from the church his ministry was primarily speaking in homes and prayer services.

Brother Gurganus was ordained by the Free Will Baptist Holiness Conference August 15, 1956 and he served as pastor of the Swelten Heights Church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina and Sandy Bottom Church in Kinston, North Carolina for many years. Joe served his community as chaplain of the Pinewood Volunteer Fire Department for several years. He passed away May 12, 1990 and the funeral was at his home church, Woods Grove where he attended for forty-one years.

ELVIN RAY BUTTS, JR.

Elvin Ray Butts, Jr. was born into the family of Ray and Annie Butts and grew up in Woods Grove where he was a faithful Sunday School member. On November 20, 1977, Elvin married Paula Sullivan and this home was soon blessed with two boys.

January 25, 1978, the church held a revival with Evangelist Ferrell Hardison. It was that night that

Elvin surrendered his life to Jesus Christ at the age of twenty-three. He was baptized and joined the church in March, 1978. A few months later in May, 1978, Elvin received a special call from God and received local licenses to preach the same year. Elvin immediately began attending Heritage Bible College in Dunn, North Carolina and graduated in May, 1980. He was ordained by the General Conference, August 1980.

A few months prior to graduation, Elvin began pastoring Randall's Chapel Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church in Newton Grove, North Carolina and left in 1982 to minister to the people at the Turkey Church. In June, 1986, Reverend Butts was appointed as assistant to the President of Heritage Bible College and in June, 1987, became General Services Director of the

Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Conference. Long Branch Church in Dunn, North Carolina called him to pastor in November, 1988, where he served for many years. He also served as an instructor at Heritage Bible College.

Desiring to further his education, Brother Elvin went to Campbell University where he earned the Masters of Divinity Degree in 2002 and Doctor of Ministry Degree in 2007. In 2006, he was elected Assistant Superintendent of the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Conference and on July 2, 2007, he was elected President of Heritage Bible College where he serves today. Elvin has made the church proud to see what God can do with a yielded country boy. We thank God for calling individuals to carry on the work of the Lord.



REVEREND AND MRS. ELVIN BUTTS

JASPER TIMOTHY GRANT

During the early part of the eighties several men received local licenses from the church, working in rest home, jail ministry, youth groups and teaching, but due to lack of commitment did not continue with the calling. However, during this time Jasper Timothy Grant was licensed by the church and conference. Tim married a local girl, Katherine Smith. He felt the call to return to the denomination he grew up in and is now a full-time pastor in the Friends Church, living in Greensboro, NC.



REVEREND AND MRS. REYNOLDS SMITH

REYNOLDS SMITH

Two more young men who grew up in Woods Grove church have become ministers of the Gospel. Reynolds Smith, son of Robert and Edna Smith, was saved at age of fourteen in a revival at this church. Reynolds had been brought up in the church all his life. In 1956 Reynolds married Delia Carlisle and to the union, two sons were born. After his marriage he began attending Free Gospel Church, where he received the call to go into the ministry. He was ordained in 1970. Reverend Smith has pastored Miller's Chapel, Free Gospel and Coker Memorial Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Churches. He is presently serving the Conference as Regional District Director.



REVEREND AND MRS. JERRY MITCHELL

JERRY MITCHELL

The other young man was Jerry Mitchell, son of Grover and Lois Mitchell. Jerry attended Woods Grove in his early teens, and was saved during that time. In 1971, Jerry married Diane Vinson and they were blessed with two sons. When Jerry married, he left Woods Grove and began to attend Garris Chapel Methodist Church, where Diane was a member. A few years later Jerry felt the call to further his education and become involved in ministry. Reverend Mitchell is presently serving as pastor of Garris Chapel Methodist Church, a chaplain for Kitty Askins Hospice Center and a part-time minister for Seymour Funeral Home.

Thank God for calling individuals into His service. Our hope is that many more will hear the call and answer "Here am I, send me."

CHAPTER 5

Music Department

Music, thanksgiving and worship go hand in hand. In Exodus, Chapter 15, Moses recorded a song of victory and praise, after God led Israel out of Egypt when they were saved by the parting of the Red Sea. This song is believed to be the oldest recorded song in the world. Singing in the Old Testament was used in various ways. David sang a song of praise to God for rescuing him from Saul and his enemies. King Solomon used a song of love celebrating the union of husband and wife in the Book of Song of Solomon. The children of Israel, after being carried into captivity, hung their harps on the willow tree, because they were too sad to sing. Paul and Silas sang hymns while in prison, and the book of Revelation mentions singing in heaven. So we see from scripture that music played an important part in Israel's worship and celebration and also in the New Testament days.

King David introduced music into the worship service after the Ark of the Covenant was placed in the Tabernacle and Solomon continued the tradition after the Temple was built. From David's time on, the use of music in worship was more refined with trained singers and musicians. Therefore, we have a rich musical heritage already established in the church and we can see from the Bible that music set the tone of worship that is carried on even today.

Not many early records about music in the Woods Grove Church exist, but we do know that congregational singing was a part of the worship service. Many times singing was without a piano player or choir leader. Among the first ladies to play the piano were Mrs. Bliss Thomas, Mrs. Bethania Kennedy, Mrs. Sudie Howell and Mrs. Bessie Lee Vinson. There could have been others, but there is no record to verify that.

One of the first choir directors was Mr. Hanness Kennedy. A special singing group was formed in the early 1940's when Reverend Edward Johnson was pastor. This group consisted of Mr. Hanness Kennedy, his son Russell, Richard Hare, Jr. and Mrs. Mable Coker. Russell's wife Bethania was the pianist. The singing group sang together for several years and individuals who remember them informed us of how good they were. We were able to find a choir picture in the early 1950's when the choir was on the left side of the pulpit, before being moved to the present location. We have been unable to find the first hymnal used at the church, but have been told that it was a brown book. A song book was found that was printed in 1939 by Stamps-Baxter Music and Printing Company Inc. that was no doubt used by the church. The cost of one hundred of these books was eighty-five dollars.

Therefore, we see music has been an integral part of the Woods Grove services. The psalmist David instructed us the "Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving and unto His courts with praise." Music

sets the stage for the worship service for "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised". Many Christian workers have contributed many hours to the music ministry in the church.

Prior to April, 1978, Katherine Taylor served as Music Director. JP Gurley was her assistant. Jackie Waddell led the youth choir and his wife Sandra served as pianist for both the adult and youth choir. Betty Jean Smith was the assistant pianist. Special singers at the time included Mrs. Taylor, JP Gurley, Edgar Gurley, Jr. and Jackie Waddell. Mable Coker and her daughters Bobbie and Rose formed a trio with Rose at the piano. During this time Lois Mitchell began a Children's Church Choir.

From April, 1978 to December 1979, Jackie Waddell served the church as Music Director, leading both the adult and youth choirs. Sandra Waddell played the piano for both choirs. During these years many more individuals began to sing in special groups. Among these were Edgar Gurley, Jr., Colin Smith, Jackie Waddell, Pauline Smith, Terry and Shane Smith and Stan and Danny Smith.

In December, 1979, Mrs. Anne Ham began leading the adult choir and Jackie Waddell continued to work with the youth. Bonnie Thompson and Rose Sutton began to help with the youth choir also. The church was blessed to have Teresa Corbett to begin playing the organ.

During December, 1981 the church had its first Cantata directed by Anne Ham, entitled "Carol of Christmas". For this performance Jon Smith played the trumpet and featured singers in the Cantata were Colin Smith, Tracey Ham Grady, Rose Sutton, Jackie Waddell, Shane Smith, Stan Smith and Gayle Coker. Also special singers for the church expanded from those of previous years to include Kenneth Sauls and Kathy Metz along with Shanda Taylor and Gayle Coker.

The year 1982 saw Dava Thompson and Collin Wade become a duet. Joy Shivar, Michael Sauls and Kerry Metz along with others also began singing. A new group consisting of Sherwood Anderson, Karen Vinson, Garrett Walker and Rose Daniels also ministered to the church in song. In March, 1983 Jackie Waddell again began to serve as Music Director with Anne Ham continuing to lead the adult choir. Sandra Waddell and Teresa Corbett continued as musicians. However in November, 1986, the choir again saw a great change as many from the music department left the church to begin a new ministry at Abundant Life Church. Once again the Lord blessed His work at Woods Grove as many of the previous members in the choir filled their seats again. From November, 1986 until June, 1999 Anne Ham served as Music Director and continued to lead the adult choir. Tracey Ham Grady, who had been serving as part-time pianist, became full-time. Teresa Short filled the position of organist. In later years Hope McCullen filled the vacancy created by Teresa's termination of service. Special singers include Donna Ham and a new duet was formed by Tracey Ham Grady and Shane Smith.

In February, 1987, the church voted for Reverend Mike Grady to be the pastor. His wife, Hilda assisted Tracey and played for Wednesday night services, Sunday School activities and altar services. The Easter Cantata presentation became a yearly event with the Lord's increased blessing. Edgar Gurley, Jr., narrated many of these Cantatas. JP Gurley, Ava Faircloth, James (Shine) Smith began a new trio accompanied by Hilda Grady. Phyllis Anderson, now married to Sherwood Anderson, became a favorite soloist

at the church and at funerals accompanied by Tracey Ham Grady at the piano. Tanya Thompson sang as a soloist for a short time and had a very powerful voice. A first for the music department was Chris Wise playing the trombone to accompany the other musicians bringing a new sound to the music department.

From June, 1999 until September, 2001 Shane Smith served as Music Director and led the adult choir. Edgar Gurley, Jr., JP Gurley, Shane Smith and Tracey Ham Grady organized a new group and blessed the hearts of many with their ministry of song. Another change took place September, 2001 as Tracey Ham Grady became the Music Director and Anne Ham came back to lead the adult choir. Tracey continued to play the piano assisted by Hilda Grady until the organist Hope McCullen left the church in May, 2005. A new organ was purchased and Hilda Grady became the organist and continues to the present.

As new members came into the church, many began to sing with the choir. The newly elected Music Director organized the special singing to include not only herself but Kendi Davis, Gretchen Pelletier, Jessi Carter, Danielle Hare, Joshua Anderson, Edgar Gurley, Jr., Melanie Gurley Bishop, Blair Tyndall, Dawn Gurley Smith, Mike Gurley, Donna Ham Lewis and Sherl Sauls.

The Easter Cantata continues to bless the hearts of our congregation and community as well as the many dedicated performers. Edgar Gurley, Jr. continues to narrate with assistance from Mike Gurley and Donna Ham Lewis. Tracey Grady and Anne Ham (our mother and daughter team) continues to direct these events.

Drummers who have served the church in the past include: Eric Johnson, Dennis Daniels, Roman Best, Jamie Capps and Tim Ham. McClain Davis is presently playing the drums. Other musicians include Chris Wise, trombone and Terry Smith, bass guitar.

Donna Ham Lewis serves as Children's Church Choir Director.

Sound room operation through the years have included Nelson Creech, Mike Grady Jr., and Mike Gurley. McClain Davis, Jonathan Smith and Wayne Smith are serving at the present time.

Many members in the adult choir have been singing for a number of years. Special recognition goes to the following for their dedicated years of service to the choir: Betty Jean Smith for more than fifty years, Nellie Carter and Vernell Quinn have contributed over thirty-six years, Edgar Gurley, Jr., Rose and Nora Ann Edmundson and Laura Ellen Griffith with more than thirty-one years.

Special recognition is due Sherwood Anderson, Edna Candler, Malcolm Gurley and Marsha Jester who, due to health problems, found it necessary to step down from the choir. There are now several choir members who are now singing in the Heavenly Choir. We mention a few who have passed away in the last few years: Eula Price, Billy Boyette, Joe William Smith, Lois Mitchell and Gladys Gray.

Current choir members include: Katherine Smith, Helen Gurley, Sherl Sauls, Dawn Smith, Nellie Carter, Betty Jean Smith, Anne Ham, Nora Ann Edmundson, Nancy Scott, Nannette Sutton, Cindy Bartlett, Kendi Davis, Melanie Bishop, Susan Miller, Peggy Jones, Laura Ellen Griffith, Katrina Chase, Barbara Gurley, Gretchen Pelletier, Grover Smith, Jimmy Jones, Rose Edmundson, Daphine Price, Vernell Quinn, Rita Hare, Danielle Hare, Susan Warren, Shirley Murphy, Peggy Watson, Carolyn Smith, Emily Smith, Phyllis Anderson, Jessi Carter, Carla Pate, Clayton Corbett, Don Ham, Edgar Gurley, Jr., Mike Gurley, Eric Bartlett, Joshua Anderson, Todd Pelletier and Blair Tyndall.

May God continue to bless the members of the Music Department at Woods Grove Church as they continue to give Him praise and glory for all that is accomplished through their musical talents.



EARLY 50'S CHOIR MEMBERS - (Choir before move behind pulpit) ROW 1 - Ophelia Southerland, Betty Lou Coker, Evelyn Gurley, Lillian Howell, Carol Faircloth, Myde Roberts, Blanche Gurganus. ROW 2 - Madeline Gurganus, Rovine Rhodes, Dora W. Smith, Charlie Kennedy, Dolly Mitchell, Johnny Smith and R.O. Boyd - Pastor. ROW 3 - Helen Butts, Zephia Kennedy, Norma Lee Smith, Allison Roberts, C. Ray Smith, John D. Newsome.



EARLY 40'S FIRST QUARTET - Hanness Kennedy, Bethania Kennedy, Mable Coker, Russell Kennedy, Richard Hare, Jr.



BESSIE LEE VINSON - Organist & pianist



JACKIE WADDELL, SANDRA WADDELL
CHOIR DIRECTOR & PIANIST



QUARTET 1985 - JP GURLEY, JACKIE WADDELL,
KATHERINE TAYLOR, EDGAR GURLEY, JR.



1979 YOUTH CHOIR - JACKIE WADDELL, DIRECTOR



CHURCH CHOIR AT T.V. STATION - 1984



CHURCH CHOIR AT T.V. STATION - 1996



CANTATA SCENE - 2005



CANTATA SCENE



ADULT CHOIR - 2009



ADULT MUSICIANS & CHOIR DIRECTOR - 2009
 Anne Ham - Choir Director Hilda Grady - Organist
 McClain Davis - Drums Tracey Grady - Pianist
 Steve Hart - Guitar



SOUND ROOM OPERATORS - 2009
 McClain Davis, Wayne Smith & Jonathan Smith

CHAPTER 6

Sunday School Department

Sunday School has been called the missionary to the future. The Sunday School movement was founded by Mr. Robert Raikes, an editor of Gloucester, England on October 12, 1780. The Sunday School was founded as a missionary branch for unschooled children. The first text book used to teach was the Bible, God's inspired Word.

The Sunday School has always been an important part of the church. Without the Sunday School, Woods Grove would not be where it is today. Many of our pastors, evangelists, deacons, teachers and leaders of various departments are a product of the Sunday School.

The first record of Sunday School at Woods Grove was in 1901 when B.F. Ward and L. Vinson represented as delegates to a convention. Woods Grove records showed sixty-five members in Sunday School. At that time the church was in the Cape Fear Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist. No more records were found until 1924 and 1925 when the Sunday School is listed as receiving an offering of thirty cents on one given Sunday. The earliest superintendent listed was Mr. W.H. Worrell in 1926.

Some of the early family names attending were Mrs. Mamie C. Smith, Mrs. Dora W. Smith, Mr. Hanness Kennedy and Mr. Emmette Smith and probably other families, but available records do not name them. In 1937, the Sunday School had three teachers with thirty members and a collection of eighty cents. Up until 1939, the Sunday School met in the church with classes in two front corners and two in the back corners. Can you imagine the noise in that small church? When Reverend K.D. Brown came in 1939, two class rooms were added to the church. Following Mr. W.H. Worrell as Superintendent was Mr. Leon Lewis. Records do not show anyone else until Mr. Riley Coker became Superintendent in 1946.

The 1943 records show the following teachers: Mrs. Mamie C. Smith, Mrs. Dora W. Smith, Mrs. Sudie Howell and Mr. R.H. Kennedy. Miss Elsie Howell was the Sunday School secretary. Collections increased to seventy-six dollars and eighty-one cents. In the early years Sunday School was held each week with the exception of the winter months, due to lack of transportation and insufficient heat in the building.

The Sunday School departments of churches surrounding area met yearly for what was called the Saulston Township Sunday School Convention. On one occasion the Woods Grove Sunday School was in charge of the program and many young people took part in the play. Among those listed as participants were George Howell, Jo Ann Smith, James Smith, Frankie Anderson, Corina Howell, Lillian Howell, Betty Lou Coker, Letha Gurley and Eula Mae Walker.

Sunday School literature costs for 1946 were sixty dollars and forty-eight cents. Mr. Riley Coker

was elected Superintendent that year and Miss Sallie Mae Smith became the secretary. With hard work and dedication on Brother Coker's part, the Sunday School increased that year to one hundred and thirty-three and by 1954 to two hundred members.

Fellowship has always been of importance to Woods Grove people. During this time of growth, Mr. Coker suggested a fellowship supper once a year on the church grounds. Fish fries, barbecues, etc. were enjoyed by all and the suppers continued for several years.

In 1950, land was purchased at the rear of the church from Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rowe for one hundred and fifty dollars. A building was erected thereon to be used as Sunday School rooms which was much needed. The building today is known as old educational building and is used as classrooms, nursery, children's church and as office space for staff.

In the early years the Sunday School treasury was separate, but the church and Sunday School worked closely together with membership voting on how to use the money. Gas heaters and electric fans were purchased for individual classes in 1952.

The 1950's saw the church experience a spiritual awakening. Many Sunday School members were saved in 1957 and 1958 when Reverend R.O. Byrd was pastor and Reverend J.E. Andrews was the evangelist. Many of those saved joined the church and became faithful workers in the Sunday School and some are still serving today.

Under the leadership of a newly elected superintendent, Mr. Alton Corbett, the teachers began meeting each quarter to discuss ways to improve the Sunday School and to increase the membership roll. The first meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ray Smith on January 15, 1959. At that time the Sunday School membership had increased to two hundred and eighty-three. Also, the Saulston Township Sunday School, the Convention became a part of a county-wide Sunday School Convention with a supper meeting and special speakers held once a year for several years. Mr. D.J. Pelt was elected president of the Saulston Township Convention which consisted of Hood Swamp Friends. Bethel and Saulston Methodists and Woods Grove. Each fifth Sunday night the group would meet at different churches for a special time of fellowship and singing.

A church vote was taken on March 20, 1959 for teachers' lecterns to be built by C. Ray Smith for each Sunday School class teacher. Many of these stands are still being used today. Banners were first used in 1960. These were given to the class for having the best attendance and other banners were added later for other achievements.

The first Vacation Bible School began in the summer of 1961. It was started on a suggestion by Mrs. Betty Jean Smith. For years, the Vacation Bible School operated under the direction of the Sunday School Superintendent and its staff. As the Bible School grew, more people became involved. For several years an adult class was held with an invited speaker from outside the church. Classes met every night for one week and graduation was on the last night. Bible School was very successful with as many as one hundred and twenty-five in attendance.



LILLIE VINSON (1874-1953)
 Daughter of Elijah Vinson & Nancy Johnson Vinson



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SPIRITUAL WORSHIP
 GOLDEN TEXT: "God is a Spirit, and they that worship him, must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24

PICTURE LESSON - 1938



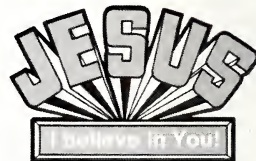
SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT EARLY 50's - Mr. Riley Coker, Superintendent



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - ELEANOR HERRING, TEACHER
Robin Price, Lisa Waters, Connie Ellis, Lisa Smith



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — TEACHERS BETTY JEAN SMITH & MADELINE GURGANUS



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - 1965



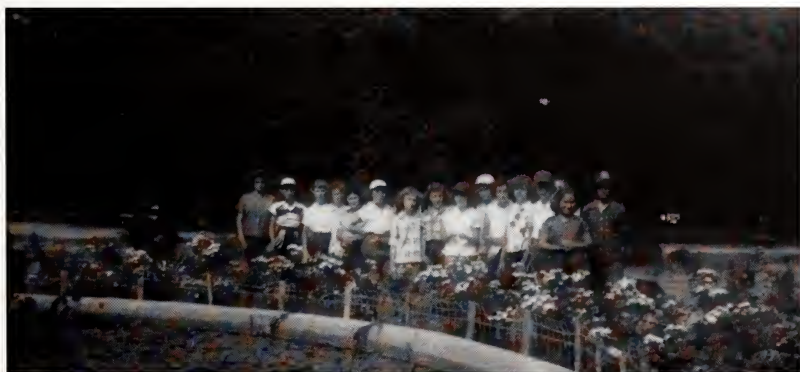
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - 1966



MARY PELT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - Front Row: Kay Pelt, Kenny Smith, Bill Ingram. Second Row: Rachel Gay, Rosemary Butts, Stella Minshew, Margie Cook, Back Row: Mary Pelt, Teacher, Lou Ellen Smith, Viola Sedder, Greg Herring, Glenn Smith, Pete Smith



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
Teacher Vernell Quinn



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - Teacher Carol Creech



NANCY SCOTT - Nursery Teacher
Began Nursery Teacher - 1965



LEON SAULS - Sunday School Superintendent
1968 Graduation
Rachel Gay, Kay Pelt, Greg Herring, Bobby Smith



GRADUATION 1970 - D.J. Pelt Superintendent
Sanda Corbett, Joan Smith, Kenneth Smith, Glenn Smith



ORVILLE CANDLER - Brotherhood President - 1981



The Woods Grove girls softball team captured first place in the Saulston Church League, in both the regular season at 18-0 and by going 3-0 in the tournament. Team members are, from left to right, front row: Rebekah Capps, Melanie Bishop, Dawn Smith, Connie Manning, Laura Neely, Dianna Ellis and Amanda Stocks. Second row: Coach Edgar Gurley, Belinda Smith, Heather Price, Kristen Smith, Pam Gurley, Doris Smith and Coach Tommy Hare. Not pictured is Stephanie Scott.

Reverend Nathan Hanchey saw the Sunday School through another growth period in 1964. Four more classrooms were added to the existing structure along with a service room, kitchen and an entrance room. Folding doors separated the rooms and could be folded back when need arose for suppers, homecoming, etc. These classrooms are used today for classes, youth activities and small fellowship groups. A first for the church was the borrowing of ten-thousand dollars to build these classrooms.

Also at this time flannel boards were purchased for teachers and nine large fold-up tables and one hundred chairs were put in the new building.

Mrs. Nancy Scott became the nursery teacher in 1965. Nancy not only served the Sunday School, but also served as Nursery Director for the church services. For several years, the nursery was located in the room to the left of the pulpit, but needing more space, it was moved into a newly decorated room in the Old Educational Building. With forty-four years and still enjoying taking care of children, Mrs. Scott deserves a special thanks.

When Reverend Roy Savage began his ministry, he immediately began a promotion campaign for the Sunday School and youth. With the campaign a success, the need for more classrooms arose. In the summer of 1970, a building 30 x 65 feet was attached to the existing building. Ten classrooms and a pastor's study were added. As classes were divided, the Sunday School grew to twenty-five classes. By the end of 1972, twenty-nine members were added to the roll. Mr. Malcolm Gurley was hired to build tables suitable for small children. This enabled the teachers to work with the children better.

A quarterly report to the Conference on June 30, 1971 showed the Sunday School membership at four hundred with average attendance of three hundred and thirty. There were twenty-nine teachers and officers. A boy scout troop, supported by the Sunday School, was organized April 1, 1971, but due to lack of attendance was discontinued on February 1, 1972. A class for children with special needs began with Mrs. Sandra Waddell as teacher. Mrs. Bessie Lee Vinson's young peoples class purchased a new organ and presented it to the church in 1978.

The Sunday School Department began a visitation ministry in 1979. For a few years the church bus was used to pick up children unable to attend without someone bringing them. A training program began for these workers, but due to lack of dedicated workers, the program was discontinued.

Graduation for college and high school students became a special time for the Sunday School department. A time was designated to honor graduates with a special service and to present each one a Bible. In 1979-1980 sixteen graduates were honored.

On March 16, 1980, through the efforts of the Sunday School, three softball teams were organized. Men, women and boys team (age 10-13). During the past years teams have won many trophies. These trophies are on display in the breezeway between the church and educational building. It was the 1996 season of the Saulston Church League that Woods Grove girls won the first place trophy. These trophies show the fine sportsmanship of these teams.

The men of the Sunday School began a brotherhood meeting and Mr. Orville Candler was elected

president. Organized October 7, 1981, it met for fellowship and breakfast once a month on a Saturday morning. Their first project was building a utility building at the new parsonage located on new Hope Road. However, due to poor attendance, the Brotherhood did not meet for a long period of time.

The year 1983 saw the Sunday School enrollment increase to four hundred and nine members. It was during this time that Coker's Memorial began their new church and even with families leaving, the Sunday School remained stable with almost four hundred on roll.

On July 13, 1983, one of our young men, Wendell Colie, began his duties as part-time Educational and Youth Director. He left after a few months to go to Bible College, however.

During revival service in 1983, Sunday School class members were urged to attend and sit as a group in the church. Each class had a special night and this proved to be a blessing to individual classes. Also in 1985, plaques with the class names and age group were placed on each classroom door. This was done to better enable visitors to locate their age group.

For several years the Sunday School staff was honored with a special Christmas supper in appreciation for their faithful service. This was a great time of fellowship.

Absentee sheets were first used in 1984. The record sheets were returned to the pastor's office for follow-up each week for those who had been absent for more than one week.

During 1985, three new classes began. Mrs. Mary Pelt began teaching new converts about the church doctrine. Mrs. Nora Ann Edmundson began a class at Oak Manor Rest Home. Each week, two class members from the adult class went to help Mrs. Edmundson with the patients and on several occasions treated them to a party. Mrs. Rose Mangum began a class at the Fremont Rest Center where she was employed.

To encourage parents and children to attend the opening preliminaries before Sunday School, the small children's classes presented programs to the assembly. It was a blessing to see the talent these children had.

By January 4, 1987, the membership roll was three hundred and twenty-one with an average attendance of two hundred and thirty. However, on January 15, 1987 when a group left to organize Abundant Life Church, the Sunday School membership roll began to see a decrease for the first time. Even with the decrease, Woods Grove Sunday School remained a place to gather for the teaching of the Word and fellowship.

Many men and women during the past years have served as superintendents, assistants, teachers, secretary and in other roles. The names are too numerous to list for fear that someone might be overlooked. But all have been faithful to the task before them and a special thanks is due to all who served and are still serving today. The January, 1991 enrollment was two hundred and thirty-four. The February, 1997 enrollment was two hundred and twenty with thirteen classrooms. The current January 1, 2009 enrollment is one hundred and fifty-two.



SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS - 2009
Melba Gurley, Secretary— Melanie Bishop, Assistant Secretary
Ronnie Carter, Superintendent — Blair Tyndall, Assistant Superintendent

The Sunday School department each year has a special Sunday in which Sunday School members receive recognition for attending every Sunday during the year. Several individuals in past years have been recognized for twenty-five years. A special congratulations to Mrs. Betty Jean Smith for forty-three years and Mrs. Blanche Gurganus for sixty-three years of perfect attendance. A very impressive record.

Current Sunday School officers and teachers, January 1, 2009. Superintendent - Ronnie Carter, Assistant Superintendent - Blair Tyndall, Secretary - Melba Gurley, Assistant Secretary - Melanie Bishop. TEACHERS: Nursery: Nancy Scott. Youth Department: Helen Gurley & Emily Smith, Michelle Gurley, Patricia Tyndall and Judy Smith, Katrina Chase, Melanie Bishop and Nannette Sutton. Adult Department: Mary Pelt and Lucille Smith, Peggy Watson, Nora Ann Edmundson, Nellie Carter and Bill Kennedy, Katherine Smith and Cindy Bartlett, JP Gurley.

From the beginning of the first Sunday School on October 12, 1780, this important part of the church will soon be two hundred and twenty-nine years old.

Even with the decrease in membership, the Sunday School at Woods Grove remains the “missionary to the future”. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6 (King James Bible)

Thank God for the Sunday School and its influence.

CHAPTER 7

Senior Citizens Organization

The idea of beginning a senior citizens group for ages sixty and over was birthed by Reverend and Mrs. Clyde Shelton. The first meeting was May 4, 1982, in the Old Fellowship Hall. Thirty-one attended and enjoyed a covered dish supper. The first guest speaker was Mrs. Sarah Jones, Wayne County Home Demonstration Agent. The Pastor appointed Mrs. Helen Shelton, Mrs. Lucille Smith and Mrs. Bonnie Thompson to oversee this organization.

Those attending the first meeting were as follows: Clyde Shelton - Pastor, Helen Shelton, Lucille Smith, Bonnie Thompson, Jesse and Pauline Bundy, Nellie Butts, Linwood Carter, Sara Emma Davis, Ruth Dees, Levi and Eunice Faircloth, Addie Lee Gurley, Rebecca Herring, Emma Holmes, Laurah Howell, Sudie Howell, Nellie Kennedy, Rossie Kennedy, Elwood and Betty Jean Smith, John D. and Laulas Newsome, George and Clyde Peele, Viola Smith, Ophelia Southerland, Rovine Rhodes, David and Mable Tyndall and Esther Taylor.

The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month for various activities and have special speakers on subjects of interest to this age group. The group visits the rest homes at least twice a year. This young at heart group has different types of entertainment including two trips a year to places of interest. A talent contest and an old timers day, Bible games, etc. are other activities enjoyed by the group.

Many of this age group have been blessed to travel by charter bus to places like Washington, D.C., Norfolk, Virginia, Branson, Missouri, Amish Country in Pennsylvania, New York City, Niagra Falls, Canada, Nashville, Tennessee, Williamsburg, Virginia and several places in North Carolina for day trips. Christmas is a special time for all, when members go by bus to different restaurants for their party and afterward attend a special Christmas show or go shopping.

A photo album has been maintained throughout the years and is on display in the breeze-way of the church. These special people meet for covered dish luncheon several times during the year, but now seems to enjoy eating out in restaurants better, because of less work involved. At the beginning this group operated by donations and love offerings from individuals. But for the past years, the church has donated one-hundred dollars each month to help the group operate.

In 1998 a large cross was placed in the Fellowship Hall in honor of the Senior Citizens by Mrs. Hilda Grady and in memory of Mrs. Alease Smith by her daughter, Mrs. Margie Jackson. Many of the Seniors have passed away, and a count of about one hundred that attended at one time have passed off the scene. Attendance has not kept up with the passing of time. But with new leaders and ideas, the meeting



SENIOR CITIZENS MEMBERS, 1983 - FRONT OF CHURCH

MEMBERS: (Names Not In Order) Edward Smith, Clyde Peele, George Peele, Ada Lee Gurley, Carl Faircloth, Ruby Ginn, Dick Daniels, Norma Lee Smith, Frank Gurganus, Bliss Thomas, Ophelia Southerland, Ruth Dees, Sallie Benton, Madeline Gurganus, Ada Person, Raymond Person, Mary Pelt, Alease Smith, Blanche Gurganus, Eunice Faircloth, John D. Newsome, Laulas Newsome, Viola Smith, Mina Smith, William Smith, Pattie Mae Walker, Ava Faircloth, Esther Taylor, Emma Holmes, Pattie Lee Taylor, Levi Faircloth, Robert Thomas, Henrietta Carter, Betty Jean Smith, Lucille Taylor, Pearlina Bass, Rebecca Herring, L.E. Carter, Delma Ingram, Rovine Rhodes, Joe Gurganus, John R. Smith, Henry Walker, Elwood L. Smith, Margaret P. Gurley, Laurah Howell, Willie B. Gurley, Louise Coker, Josephine Walker, Clyde Shelton - Pastor.



SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP, WILMINGTON, NC - MAY, 1987

continues to be a time of fellowship and blessing to this age group.

On January 22, 2006, the group surprised Mrs. Lucille Smith by honoring her for serving as Director for twenty-three years and seven months. Special guest for this event was the former pastor and wife, Reverend Clyde and Helen Shelton. The group has no dues or membership roll. Anyone sixty years of age or older is invited to become a part of this young at heart group. Leaders serving now are Mrs. Margie Jackson and Mrs. Shirley Murphy. Mr. Bob Murphy serves as the bus driver.



SPECIAL DAY HONORING SENIOR CITIZENS OVER 80 YEARS OF AGE
RUTH DEES, ROSSIE KENNEDY, MILDRED DANIELS, DAVID GURLEY



1987 SENIOR CITIZENS SPONSORS
Lucille Smith
Margie Jackson
Eleanor Herring

CHAPTER 8

Ladies Auxiliary Department

Ladies of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference organized July 10, 1946 under the name Women's Home Missionary Auxiliary. The purpose was to promote a missionary spirit by prayer and study of the Bible, personal service and sacrificial giving. Afterwards the New River, Wilmington and Cape Fear Conference met together and formed the Free Will Baptist Ladies Auxiliary and a formal constitution was adopted. Mrs. B.W. English became the first director.

The Woods Grove Ladies Auxiliary was organized on January 19, 1945. Mrs. Madeline Gurganus had attended a meeting at Faro Chapel Church and thought Woods Grove needed an auxiliary. Reverend E.A. Killette and twelve ladies from the church met that same year at the church and Woods Grove Ladies Auxiliary had its beginning. Mrs. Gurganus became the first president, Bethania Kennedy was elected secretary and Gertrude Smith served as treasurer.

There are no records to show who the twelve charter members were except as of this writing only one is living today, Mrs. Blanche Gurganus.

Minutes of January 23, 1946 show the membership roll including Helen Butts, Nellie Butts, Mable Coker, Clara Corbett, Sara Emma Davis, Ava Faircloth, Madeline Gurganus, Blanche Gurganus, Clara Gurganus, Lillian Howell, Bethania Kennedy, Laulas Newsome, Irene Parks, Louise Parks, Clyde Peele, Vicy Parks, Pansy Smith, Dora W. Smith, Edna Smith, Gertrude Smith, Mamie C. Smith, Ellen Mae Smith, Esther Stewart, Thelma Sutton, Pattie Lee Taylor, Esther Taylor, Sallie Thomas, Norma Lee Smith and Blanche Smith.

For the first few years, the Auxiliary meetings were held in members' homes, but as membership began to increase the meetings were moved to the church.

Woods Grove Auxiliary has always been active in District and Conference meetings and projects, especially pounding for the Heritage Bible College which is held twice a year.

The officers for 1946 were: President, Mable Coker, Vice President, Laulas Newsome, Secretary and treasurers, Irene Parks. Each month a leader was chosen to lead a study of a certain book in the Bible.

The first project of the Auxiliary was the purchase of door mats for the church entrance. Five dollars was also donated to help the church purchase heaters. The Woods Grove Auxiliary has been involved in many projects in the past years. Of great interest is the way they raised money to support these projects. Members would give the money from the eggs that their chickens layed on Sundays. One cent for every inch of waist line and one cent for every birthday they were blessed to see, were novel ways of raising money. Selling flavoring was an early money maker and still continues to be today. The group tied

tobacco, quilted quilts to sell, held chicken pastry and barbecue suppers, bake sales, etc. Today they have an on-going project of selling knives, food choppers, cards and other items. In 1950 they sold plates with a picture of the church. Many families still have one today.

On January 13, 1960, a motion was made by Mrs. Madeline Gurganus and seconded by Mrs. Emma Holmes that the Auxiliary members prepare a meal for families in the church when there was a death. The group divided into three districts and this continued until membership decreased, so the church ladies were asked to be responsible for serving bereaved families.

On April 22, 1960, the group began having prayer services in the homes of those unable to attend church. This proved a great blessing to all involved.

Mrs. Berchie Hinson was honored as Woman of the Year for 1965 by the Auxiliary. In 1966, the Auxiliary purchased an oak pulpit stand, two chairs and a communion table for the church. Because of the Auxiliary, many families have been blessed during these years, as love gifts and Christmas gifts are given to shut-ins and needy. The Senior Citizen group of the church was given a special party in October, 1979.

In March, 1979 prior to Reverend and Mrs. Raymond Tarkenton moving into the Church Parsonage, this group of ladies shampooed the carpet, washed windows and did general cleaning. During the 1981-1982 years, the group served the Men's Brotherhood breakfast in order to raise money for their projects. The group also gave the Youth Pastor, Reverend Robert Linens and his future wife, Glenda Whaley, a wedding shower. This shower was held at the church on July 21, 1988.

In 1994, the Ladies Auxiliary compiled the first church directory with names, addresses and pictures of Church and Sunday School members. This has been updated on several occasions, including a complete new directory in 2001-2002. The directory is a great blessing for everyone to enjoy, and is much easier than going to a telephone directory. In 1997, the new fellowship kitchen was supplied with all kinds of serving items, including silverware, can openers, cutting boards, linen table covers, glassware, pots, pans, and many other items too numerous to name. Again, a gift from the Auxiliary also in 1997, they decorated the bathrooms in the Church and New Fellowship Hall.

With donations given to the Auxiliary in Memory of Mrs. Eula Price, who was one of its faithful members, the Auxiliary purchased a new choir stand for the music department. Another project to raise money was the publishing of a cook book in 1998. The first annual birthday calendar was published in 2002 and continues to be a money making project each year.

In 2004, this group of ladies purchased a large mirror to be placed on the wall next to the serving area in the New Fellowship Hall. American and Christian flags were also placed in the New Fellowship Hall by this Auxiliary. The year 2007 saw a P.A. System installed in the church bus, and a large rug was put in the church vestibule, again by the Auxiliary. During 2008 a large oil painting of the church, painted by Mr. Zeno Spence, was hung in the church vestibule.

As years have come and gone the Ladies Auxiliary of Woods Grove Church has continued to help the needy, prepare meals as needs arise and blessed many shut-ins at Christmas time.



LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS - 1956

Ophelia Southerland, Madeline Gurganus, Blanche Gurganus, Ruby Gurley, Ruby Smith, Janet Corbett, Esther Taylor, Edna Smith, Mable Gurley, Mable Coker, Ava Faircloth, Linda Corbett, Rev. R.O. Byrd, Eva Smith, Dora W. Smith, Emma Boyette, Vicy Parks, Ruth Dees, Margie Byrd, Thelma Sutton, Louise Parks, Sallie Thomas, Helen Butts, Mamie C. Smith, Dolly Smith, Irene Parks, Berchie Hinson, Mary Ann Johnson, Norma Lee Smith, Clara Corbett.

LADIES DAY AT WOODS GROVE



Runners-up and Woman of the Year (l-r, Myra Heath, Eleanor Johnson, Linda Gurganus)



Left to right: President, Madeline Gurganus; vice President, Gloria Johnson; Secretary, Linda Gurganus, Treasurer, Janice Smith



MRS. BERTCHIE HINSON
Chosen Lady of Year - 1965

In the year 2008, the name of this Ladies Auxiliary group was changed by the General Conference to the Women's Ministry. Ladies of the Women's Ministry of Woods Grove who are active members as of January, 2009 are as follows:



2008 LADIES AUXILIARY — Names not listed in order

Shirley Murphy - President, Nancy Scott - Vice President, Nellie Carter - Secretary, Flowers and Cards - Dolly Ellis, Food Committee - Dolly Ellis and Rita Hare, Devotion Chairman - Rita Hare.

Members: Phyllis Anderson, Hilda Grady, Blanche Gurganus, Linda Gurganus, Kathy Carter, Anne Ham, Eleanor Herring, Margie Jackson, Mary Pelt, Daphine Price, Vernell Quinn, Sherl Sauls and Betty Jean Smith.

At the time of this writing, the Auxiliary is working on a new Church and Sunday School Directory for 2009-2010 year.

CHAPTER 9

Girls Auxiliary Department

The Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Conference organized a Girls Auxiliary under the direction of Mrs. Delphia Penny in 1970. This organization began under the sponsorship of the Ladies Auxiliary but functioned on its own. Its purpose was to reach girls for Jesus, teach Biblical principles and train them for service in the Kingdom.

The Woods Grove Girls Auxiliary began prior to 1970 when several mothers would take their daughters with them to the regular Ladies Auxiliary meetings. While the mothers met, the girls would do homework, color, or play games in the room next to them. The question arose: why not start an Auxiliary for young girls?

Peggy Gurganus became the first director of the group. The girls were divided into two age groups. Ages 5-11 were called Missionettes and ages 12 and up were called Girls Auxiliary. They met the same night as the ladies which was once a month at the church.

The first meeting was attended by seven girls: Katherine and Carolyn Smith, Yolanda, Teresa and Juanita Gurganus, Darlene Gurganus and Teresa Smith. Every three months they attended the Quarterly District meeting traveling with the Ladies Auxiliary members to their meeting.

For years they did many projects: a bake sale at the Piggly-Wiggly store, cook outs, sleep-overs at the church were among their projects.

It was at one of these sleep-overs that they made hot chocolate in a small wash pot with wood around it, and sold a cup for ten cents. This money was sent to the Conference for their yearly project. They also held rock-a-thons to raise money.

This group became involved in the summer camp at Dunn, North Carolina. When the group was organized, the Director would take the girls to camp and spend the week with them. When Brother Savage and Montier came to the church, they were a great help to this organization since they had two daughters. Montier would often assist the Director, especially by going to the weekly camps.

In 1970, the girls elected a girl of the year. Yolanda Gurganus, age thirteen was the first chosen. Since then several young ladies have served as Girl of the Year, but we do not have a complete record of this.

During the 1970's and 1980's several ladies worked with these girls. Some of these were Carol Capps, Linda Gurganus, Gloria Johnson, Jimmie Sauls, Julie Smith and Lou Ellen Smith. There could have been others who contributed to this work.

In July, 1979, the Girls Auxiliary of Woods Grove was named the representative of the Goldsboro

District for raising the most money for the Crusader's For Christ Youth Camp at Dunn, North Carolina. These young girls well represented Woods Grove and the Goldsboro District in Dunn.

The group also honored the Senior members of the Church with a supper on October 6, 1979, which was well attended.

Records show that by 1987, the enrollment had increased to twenty-six. The Directors were Lou Ellen Smith and Julie Smith. Members were Crystal, Shannon, Stephanie, Isabella and Mary Ellen Smith, Stephanie Short, Jennifer Lawhorne, Carla, Heather and Jessi Price, Jessica Whaley, Rebekah Capps, Kris Creech, Jodi Coors, Paula Corbett, Debra Gurganus, Donna Ham, Bobbie and Amanda Wagner, Christie Taylor, Dianne Holmes, Sabrina Scott, and helpers Carol Capps Brogden and Geraldine Taylor.

Other activities this group was involved in beside retreats to Dunn, North Carolina was a camping trip to White Lake, where they all stayed in one large house together. Can you imagine the noise in this one house? Also, they attended Walt Disney World on Ice. Often special speakers were invited on topics of interest to this age group. A charm course was offered for the young ladies and they went bowling on several occasions. They also decorated Christmas trees for the church and went caroling to various places. At Valentine, they celebrated with a party. They also prepared a scrapbook with pictures and special events. At Mother's and Father's Day gifts were given to their parents. A special candy sale was held to raise money to help with activities. They also held a talent contest in which they won several achievement awards at the Conference Meeting.

Records of July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1992 show that the Girls Auxiliary represented the Goldsboro District with a membership of thirty-two on roll. It was during these years that Lou Ellen Smith served the Goldsboro District Girls Auxiliary Conference as District Director, resigning this position on July 13, 1993.

Several people, involved with these girls over the years, tell us that the highlight of the things they did was when they went on a special retreat to Nags Head. The way these girls worked together and showed great love and respect for each other, showed that they had fun and were a blessing to the church as well. Over the years earlier members grew to adulthood and younger ones took their place. Since 1998, the Girls Auxiliary has been under the supervision of the Youth Director of the Church. New leaders continue to carry on the work today. Only time will tell what was accomplished during these years.

SEE YOUTH DEPARTMENT - CHAPTER 12



GIRLS AUXILIARY - Director Lou Ellen Smith



GIRLS AUXILIARY TRIP



CROWNED QUEEN

Donna Jo Ham was crowned Queen of the Neuse River Girls Auxiliary during the district meeting held at the Mill Street Pentecostal FWB Church in Rocky Mount. She attends Woods Grove Pentecostal FWB Church where she is a member of the Girls Auxiliary. She is the daughter of Donald and Anne Ham of Rt. 16, Goldsboro. Maternal grandparents are Eula Price and the late Joe Price. Paternal grandparents are Bessie Ham and the late Loyd Ham. She is in the fourth grade at Goldsboro Christian School.

The Girls Auxiliary

G.A. Motto:

Learning to Serve.

G.A. Aim:

To be loyal to Jesus Christ, alert to guard our minds against evil, to keep selfishness out of our hearts and our bodies as temples of God.

G.A. Purpose:

To bring Christ into every phase of a girl's life so that she may attain physical, social, and spiritual maturity and develop her abilities for Christian leadership.

G.A. Colors:

Blue is for loyalty.

White is for purity.

Gold is for sincerity.

G.A. Emblem and Its Meaning:

The circle with the G.A. is a symbol of our name — Girls Auxiliary.

The star is important because it led the wise men to the Christ child in the manger. Because He is the "Bright and Morning Star" men are still led to Him today.

The cross reminds us Christ died for our sins. We rejoice in that He also arose and now sits at the right hand of the Father. This cross also carries the name of our denomination — Pentecostal Free Will Baptist — and the G.A. motto "Learning to Serve."

The circle of the world is to remind us of our great mission field both at home and abroad.



G.A. Allegiance:

Knowing that there are people living in sin who have never heard the gospel, I pledge my allegiance to Jesus Christ, His Church, and its activities. With God's help I will strive to abide in Him through prayer, to grow in wisdom by Bible study, to recognize my stewardship of time, money and personality, to glorify Him by good works and accept the challenge to tell the world that Jesus saves.

G.A. Ideals:

Abide in Him through prayer — Matthew 7:7-12

Grow in wisdom by Bible study — Psalm 119:11 Psalm 105 Mark 13:31 II Timothy 2:15

Recognize my stewardship — Matthew 6:19-21 II Corinthians 9:7

Glorify Him by good works — Mark 10:44-45 Matthew 5:16 Matthew 25:40

Tell the world that Jesus saves — Luke 24:45-49 Acts 1:8 Isaiah 6:8

G.A. Theme Song:

Onward Girls Auxiliary

(Tune: Onward Christian Soldiers)

(Words: Mrs. Elsie Sessoms)

We the girls auxiliary, Stand for truth and right; trying to be loyal to Jesus Christ the light. He has brought salvation to redeem from sin; Those who walk in darkness, we will help to win.

Refrain: Onward girls auxiliary, lift His banner high; For His second coming surely draweth night.

Salute to American Flag:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Salute to the Christian Flag:

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Saviour for whose kingdom it stands, one brotherhood uniting all Christians in service and in love.

Salute to the Bible:

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word, "a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." It's words will I hide in my heart that I may not sin against God.

CHAPTER 10

Royal Rangers

In the early 1970's several men of the denomination met together, because of a burden for the young boys in the denomination. The outcome of this meeting produced a group called Christ's Commando's. The first meeting was held in the Springview Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. For lack of interest it only lasted a short time.

Then in October of 1973, three men from the denomination went to Lake Wales, Florida to attend a National Training Camp, sponsored by the Assemblies of God. After attending this meeting, they came back with a new determination to succeed in a new venture, called the Royal Rangers. Royal Rangers are dedicated to reach, teach and keep boys for Christ through camping, hiking and many other outdoor and indoor activities. Reverend W.E. Smith was the first denominational commander.

During the spring time of each year, the boys enjoy two nights and three days of Pow-Wow. This is a time when they compete in camping skills, make new friends and renew old friendships. It is around a camp fire, that they enjoy a devotional time.

Records of Woods Grove show that on February 25, 1981, several men of the church began a Royal Rangers program for the young boys of the church, Sunday School and community. Woody Vinson served as the first leader, with Ricky Gurganus, Cliff Creech, Dennis Daniels and Gene Henderson assisting him. The group was divided into older boys and younger ones.

The original Rangers of the older group consisted of Rodney, Shane, Mike and Jon Smith, Chris Gurley, Jim Scott, Greg Rose and Tim Henderson. The original Rangers of the younger group were Corey and Dwayne Smith, Greg Walker, Jerry Carter, James Sawyer, Shane Colie, Jimmy Watson, Ashley Thompson, Malcolm Waters and Michale Sauls.

Since 1981 many of these young boys have grown up, married and moved away, but several still attend Woods Grove today. Leaderships changed as Rodney Smith later became the Commander of the group. With new leadership, came new young boys: Derrick and Scott Ham, Jonathan, Wayne, Tony, Chad and Justin Smith, McClain Davis, Bruce Carter, Jamie and Jay Capps and Christopher Manning. In the past years Bruce Carter served as leader and the Royal Ranger leadership today is under the direction of McClain Davis.

Activities in the past years were sleep-ins at the church, playing Putt-Putt and making walking sticks. At Christmas the boys would assemble fruit bags for the Sunday School Department. This group has taken several trips in the past, such as camping and fishing at Elizabeth Lake, Scott's Pond and Pheleps Lake for overnight camping trips. Camping and deep sea fishing at the coast and camping and fishing at

Simon Hill Pond, plus several hiking events have been enjoyed as well.

In order to support them in all these activities, they raised money by selling pork and turkey barbecue plates and when the church altar was removed, they used the wood to make and sold plaques for keepsakes. The Royal Rangers has been a great training ground for young boys and the making of great friendships. In 1998, this group was put under the sponsorship of the Youth Department.

SEE YOUTH DEPARTMENT - CHAPTER 12





RODNEY & BELINDA SMITH
1985 Centennial Celebration
at Woods Grove Church



ROYAL RANGERS
Director - Rodney Smith



ROYAL RANGERS CAMPING TRIP

CHAPTER 11

Crusader's For Christ - Youth Department

We could not write about the youth department without mentioning Watha Youth Camp. In the year 1947, God laid a heavy burden upon the heart of Mrs. Myrtle Holder for the young people of our denomination. It was this dedicated lady that got permission from the Wilmington Conference of the Free Will Baptist to use Watha Camp grounds for a week of Bible study and church training. The first camp was during the last week of June, 1948. Twenty-one boys and girls with several dedicated teachers and counselors attended. The first youth convention was held on a Saturday afternoon with several churches represented.

The writer's first encounter with Watha Youth Camp was at one of these meetings. As a leader of the Crusaders For Christ, we traveled to Watha Camp along with several young people from the church. I remember playing a game of softball in 95 degree temperature. This was probably in the late 1950's or early 1960, as the Youth Camp operated and grew until 1962 when the Conference voted to move the Camp to Dunn, North Carolina, a more central location. Today, Watha Camp Ground still holds many memories for students and faculty alike.

No record could be found as to when the Crusaders For Christ began at Woods Grove, but some believe it was in the 1950's when Brother R.O. Byrd was pastor. The youth department played a great and vital part in the church community. On several occasions, when the Quarterly District Rallys were held, sometimes as far away as Rocky Mount and Greenville, the parents who supported the youth drove cars loaded with young people. On one occasion as many as five cars were used. This was before the church had buses or vans. These rallies were a great time of fun and fellowship as the youth met other young people from various churches. We are not able to find records of who the leaders of the group were since it began, but it is believed there were several prior to 1970. We know that between 1970 and 1998, there were many different leaders who carried on the work of these groups. In 1998, all youth groups were consolidated into one department.

Records show that in 1980, the church paid one half of the cost in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars to send the Crusader's For Christ President, Michael Smith to Cost Rica on a mission trip.

SEE YOUTH DEPARTMENT - CHAPTER 12

First Call to WATHA CAMP

CAMP TIME IS ONLY A MONTH AWAY! NO MORE IN THE TIME TO
MAKE YOUR PREPARATIONS TO ATTEND!



WATHA YOUTH CAMP



CRUSADER'S FOR CHRIST WALK-A-THON



YOUTH GROUP - RESTING PERIOD OF WALK-A-THON



CRUSADER'S FOR CHRIST GROUP



KATHY METZ

CHAPTER 12

Combined Youth Department

In 1998, the various youth departments were combined into one department. Pam Gurley, with the help of her husband Mike, agreed to take on the responsibilities as Director of the Woods Grove Youth. Prior to this change in leadership, Shane and Julie Smith had led the youth group. Lou Ellen Smith headed up the Girls Auxiliary and Rodney Smith, the Royal Rangers.

After combining these three departments, Pam became responsible for each of these departments. Her leadership included providing activities for the first, second and fourth Wednesday nights of each month, planning all youth outings, sleep-overs, Vacation Bible School, Christmas functions and programs, camp involvement in Dunn, North Carolina (held in June and July of each year), and fund raising. A meal and silent auction has proved to be their best fund-raiser activities. The Director of Youth also oversees the Girls Auxiliary and Royal Rangers and any other function that involves the youth.

The young people provide “Youth Night Services” on the fourth Sunday night of each quarter at which time they present a program to the church and provide a meal for those attending following the program. This is well attended by parents, grandparents and friends.

Since the Youth Department has grown, it has extended activities to every Wednesday and Sunday night of each week. In addition, on the third Friday night of each month they have “Teen Night” under the leadership of Jessi Carter and Melanie Bishop. Phyllis Anderson works with the Girls Auxiliary having replaced Lou Ellen Smith. Bruce Carter replaced Rodney Smith as Royal Ranger leader until July, 2007 when McClain Davis volunteered to lead this group of boys.

Each year at Valentine’s Day, the young people invite the church to a special Valentine function, consisting of a delicious meal and entertainment. These young people dress up and serve the guests at the table, doing a great job. This is all supervised by the adult leaders, who do the preparing and cooking of the meal.

At present the Youth Department is set up on a monthly schedule as follows:

FIRST WEDNESDAY — Arts and Crafts

SECOND WEDNESDAY — Girls Auxiliary

SECOND WEDNESDAY — Royal Rangers

THIRD WEDNESDAY — Special Projects

Dawn Smith, Belinda Smith, Judy Smith

Phyllis Anderson, Rita Hare

McClain Davis

Pam Gurley, Nannette Sutton

Preschool to 12

Melanie Bishop

Age 13-up

FOURTH WEDNESDAY — Lesson

Jessi Carter, Preschool-5

Nannette Sutton, Age 6-12

Pam Gurley, Age 13-up

All Sunday night activity is under the direction of Pam Gurley and Nannette Sutton. This time is used to practice up-coming events such as Christmas and youth programs. Other activities include movie night, games, trips and etc. In March, 2009, a drama team was organized through the Youth Department with instructors McClain and Kendi Davis. This drama team consists of several teenagers, Joshua Anderson, Eric Bartlett, Danielle Hare, Zeb Darden, Ryan Cooke and Rex Smith.

A special thanks is due Pam and all those that serve with her, for their many years of service to this important group of young people.



PAM GURLEY
Director of Bible School - 2005



YOUTH GROUP - 2009



BIBLE SCHOOL CHOIR - 1994



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 1994



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2001



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2005



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL GROUP - 2005




VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL GROUP - 2005



CLEAN-UP TIME - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — 2005



WOODS GROVE PENTECOSTAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH 2009



WOODS GROVE

PENTECOSTAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:45 am	SUNDAY NIGHT	6:00 pm
SUNDAY WORSHIP	11:00 am	WED. BIBLE STUDY	7:00 pm

**GOD FORMED US
SIN DEFORMED US
CHRIST TRANSFORMS US**

PASTOR: MIKE GRADY



REVEREND AND MRS. MIKE GRADY - 2009

This page is dedicated to Reverend Mike (David Michael) Grady who has faithfully served the Woods Grove Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church for over twenty-two years. When Brother Mike began his ministry at Woods Grove in 1987, his family consisted of wife Hilda Grace, son - Mike Jr. and daughter - Michelle. Time has swiftly passed and Mike Jr. and Michelle have grown into adulthood, married and Brother Mike and Hilda have become proud grandparents of five. God has blessed this family and the church. Woods Grove Church and those who have been blessed say, thank you Brother Mike for your faithful services.

“The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace”. Numbers 6:24-26.



C. RAY AND LUCILLE SMITH - 2009

“The legacy we leave is not, just in our possession, but in the quality of our lives.”

God has given Woods Grove Church an open door, and He has given us the tools and the technology to spread the gospel to the surrounding area. But in order to do this we have to be committed and mean business with God. May we never forget from where God has brought this church in the past years.

Now unto God and our Father be glory forever and ever. Amen

Philippians 4:20

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PENTECOSTAL



**FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH**

THIS WE BELIEVE

We believe the BIBLE to be the inspired Word of God..

We believe that there is ONE GOD, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

We believe in the DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST; that Christ is the only begotten Son of God, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Christ died for our sins, was buried, and raised from the dead. That He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as our intercessor. We believe that “ALL HAVE SINNED and come short of the glory of God,” and that repentance is necessary for the forgiveness of sins.

We believe that JUSTIFICATION IS BY FAITH ALONE, and that regeneration or the new-birth through faith in the blood of Christ is absolutely essential.

We believe that SANCTIFICATION IS SUBSEQUENT TO REGENERATION AND IS A SECOND DEFINITE INSTANTANEOUS WORK OF GRACE; obtained by faith on the part of the fully justified believer.

We believe that the PENTECOSTAL BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST IS AN ENDUEMENT OF POWER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CLEAN HEARTS, and the initial evidence of the reception of this experience is speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

We believe that the SAVED SHOULD RECEIVE WATER BAPTISM, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, as a testimony to the world that he has accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord.

WE BELIEVE IN DIVINE HEALING as provided in the Atonement. WE BELIEVE IN THE SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER as commemorating Christ's death and anticipating His Second Coming, and feet washing.

WE BELIEVE IN THE PERSONAL, PREMILLENNIAL, SECOND COMING OF JESUS; first to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to meet Him in the air; second, to reign with His saints on earth a thousand years.

We believe in the bodily resurrection OF BOTH THE SAVED AND THE LOST; the saved to life eternal and the lost to everlasting punishment.



In Loving Memory
of past members of
Woods Grove Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church

Twenty Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou
art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely
goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life: and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord forever.

*Woods Grove Pentecostal
Free Will Baptist Church
Stained Glass Windows History*



The memory of the just is blessed.

Proverbs 10:7

Acknowledgement and Expression of Appreciation

*Woods Grove P F W B Church
Reverend Mike Grady, Pastor
2009*

Special Thanks!

To:

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Margie Jackson for photographs of tombstones and her support

The members of each family that contributed photographs and
history for the stained glass window project.

I hope this book will provide the members of Woods Grove Church
with information that will increase the knowledge of our history on the
stained glass windows.

Compiled by:
Hilda Tyndall Grady
Pastor's Wife

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History of Woods Grove P F W B Church

Stained Glass Windows

In 1952, under the leadership of the pastor, Reverend R.O. Byrd, the interior of Woods Grove Church was completely remodeled. Installation of 16 Stained Glass Windows, hardwood floors, new pews, heating system and the addition of a vestibule were made.

In the business meeting of Woods Grove Church on April 9, 1966, a motion was made to have the stained glass windows reprinted and to give Sister Mary Pelt's Sunday School Class permission to go ahead with this project. Reverend Nathan Hanchey was pastor at the time of this project.

At the July 16, 2008 business meeting of Woods Grove Church, a motion was made to have the only remaining stained glass window without a name on it - to place James M. and Emma P. Wood's name on it. The Wood's donated the first one acre of land March 15, 1886, to erect a small church building of 28 x 34 feet. Therefore, Woods Grove Free Will Baptist Church was established and named in their honor. The vice-chairman of the Deacon Board, Brother Nelson Creech had the names placed upon the window. Reverend Mike Grady was pastor at this time.

Names and Locations of Windows

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. L.G. & Katie Taylor | Vestibule Window |
| 2. Elijah & Nancy Vinson | Entering Church Sanctuary - 1st window on left |
| 3. J.L. & Martha Alphin | Entering Church Sancturay - 1st window on right |
| 4. Nora & John G. Smith | Entering Church Sanctuary - 2nd window on left |
| 5. Berchie Hinson | Entering Church Sanctuary - 2nd window on right |
| 6. Joe P. Emma & Nora Smith | Entering Church Sanctuary - 3rd window on left |
| 7. James H. & Annie V. Howell | Entering Church Sanctuary - 3rd window on right |
| 8. W.M. & Mary E. Gurley | Entering Church Sanctuary - 4th window on left |
| 9. M.S. & Mattie J. Smith | Entering Church Sanctuary - 4th window on right |
| 10. Minnie & Richard S. Hare | Entering Church Sanctuary - 5th window on left |
| 11. Sol'm & Jackie Ann Matthews | Entering Church Sanctuary - 5th window on right |
| 12. Thelma G. Chase | Pew beside soundroom - window on right |
| 13. Hattie Smith Coker | Window in soundroom on right |
| 14. James M. & Emma Wood | Beside single pew at altar on left |
| 15. Nannie Gurley Smith | Classroom beside altar on left |
| 16. James A. & Sally Ann Daniels | Classroom beside altar on left. |



In Memory of

L.G. & Katie Taylor

By Children



Katie Taylor
1874 - 1944

L.G. Taylor
1874 - 1943

L. G. & Katie Taylor

L.G. (Lewis Gaston) Taylor was born September 20, 1874. Katie Catherine Turner was born June 4, 1874. L.G. & Katie were married December 27, 1889. They had nine children.

L.G. Taylor died June 19, 1943 at the age of 68. Katie Catherine died March 24, 1944 at the age of 69. They were both buried in the Woods Grove Graveyard/Cemetery. L.G. and Katie were faithful members of Woods Grove for many years.

FAMILY HISTORY AND PHOTOGRAPHS SUBMITTED BY: ED KENNEDY, GRANDSON

Family of **Lewis Gaston Taylor** (born September 20, 1874, died June 19, 1943) and **Katie Catherine Turner** (born June 4, 1874, died March 24, 1944) Married December 27, 1889, Saulston Township, Wayne County, NC Both buried at Woods Grove Church Cemetery, Goldsboro, Wayne County, NC

CHILDREN:

Pearl Taylor: Born October 5, 1900, Wayne Co., died July 7, 1969, Dunn, Harnett Co., NC

Married: Harvey Allen Weeks.

Buried: Fort Run Church Cemetery, Dunn, Harnett Co., NC

Children: Shelby Jean, *unnamed infant daughter

Nora Taylor: Born 1902, died 1902 (age 3 months)

Zilphia Elizabeth Taylor: Born March 1, 1904, died March 24, 1979, Wayne Co., Goldsboro, NC

Married: Robert Haness Kennedy

Buried: Woods Grove Church Cemetery, Goldsboro, Wayne County, NC

Children: *Lewis Ray, Russell, Edward, *Ralph, Donald, Carroll, *William Lamont

Jackie Ophelia Taylor: Born October 27, 1905, died May 8, 1929

Married: Arthur Leon Lewis

Buried: Woods Grove Church Cemetery, Wayne Co., Goldsboro, NC

Children: Syrona, Audrey, *Harold, *Horace

Lorenza Harold Taylor: Born April 8, 1907, died October 31, 1967, Goldsboro, Wayne County, NC

Married: Mattie Lee

Buried: Wayne Memorial Park, Goldsboro, NC

Children: Lionel Gordon (Jack), Craig Darwin, Dewey Glenn, Myde Hope

Robert Taylor: Born December 11, 1908, died November 3, 1951

Married: Mamie Futrell

Buried : Wayne Memorial Park, Wayne County, Goldsboro, NC

Children: Jacqueline Jeanette (Jackie), *Robert Douglas, Catherine Annette, Linda Pearl

Richard Marvin Taylor: Born November 3, 1911, died November 10, 1971

Married: Lillie Lucille Peele

Buried: Peele Cemetery, Wayne County, Goldsboro, NC

Children: *Lillie Rose, *Clifton Earl (Skeeter), *Marvin Dwight, Foy Dean

Raymond Walters Taylor: Born June 26, 1913, died October 30, 1966

Married: Doris Esther Daniels

Buried: Willow Dale Cemetery, Wayne County, Goldsboro, NC

Children: *Janet Patricia, *David Corrigan, * Glenda Ruth, *Lowell Gary, Raymond Donald

Leroy Gaston Taylor: Born December 7, 1918, died January 29, 1995

Married: Edith Williford

Buried: Wilson, Wilson Co., North Carolina

Children: Georgia Kay

* DECEASED



In Memory of

Elijah Vinson 1846 - 1915

Nancy Vinson 1847 - 1921

Elijah & Nancy Vinson

(Nancie A.)

Elijah Vinson was born November 14, 1846. He died September 30, 1915 at the age of 69. Elijah was one of the pioneers of helping to establish Wood Grove Free Will Baptist Church in 1885. He was also one of the first trustees of the church in 1885 at the age of 39. Elijah's wife was named Nancy. Nancy Vinson was born October 28, 1847 and died April 9, 1921 at the age of 73. They were members of the church in the late 1800's and the early 1900's. Elijah and Nancy are buried in the Henry Vinson Cemetery, on Row 5 at 206 Vinwood Avenue, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27534.

CHILDREN:

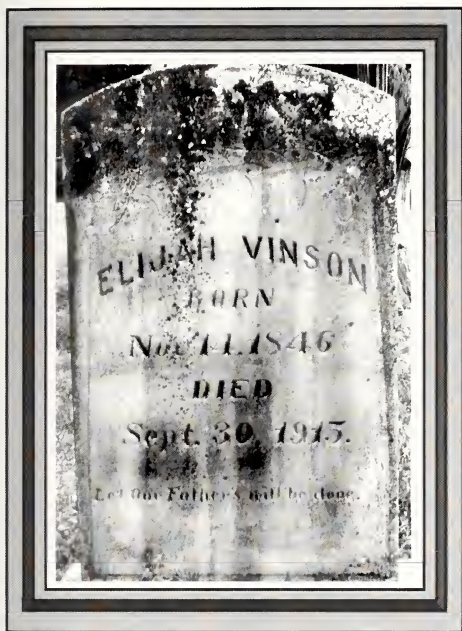
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Lillie E. Vinson - October 7, 1874 - January 11, 1953

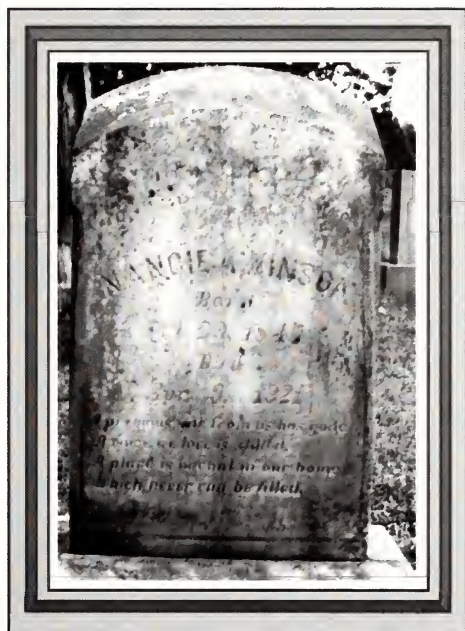
Bryant Vinson - July 4, 1877 - June 26, 1906

Elijah H. Vinson - January 27, 1881 - July 9, 1945

HISTORY SUBMITTED BY: SHERRY VINSON, HILDA GRADY AND LUCILLE SMITH
PHOTOS OF TOMBSTONES BY MARGIE JACKSON AND HILDA GRADY



Elijah Vinson
1846 - 1915
1st Trustee - 1885



Nancy Vinson
(Nancie on Tombstone)
1847 - 1921



In Memory of
J. L. & Martha *Alphine
By Daughters Mattie & Lillie

(*Incorrect spelling of Alphin)



Jesse L. Alphin
1855 - 1917

Martha Alphin
1853 - 1928

Jesse L. & Martha Alphin

Jesse L. Alphin was born July 4, 1855 in Onslow County, North Carolina. He died May 17, 1917 at the age of 61. He is buried in the Alphin Cemetery, Alphin Road, Harnett County, Dunn, North Carolina. Martha E. Alphin was born June 11, 1853 in Huffmantown, Onslow County, North Carolina. She died February 19, 1928 at the age of 74. She is buried in the Alphin Cemetery, Alphin Road, Dunn, North Carolina. The children of Jesse L. and Martha Alphin are listed according to their birth dates.

CHILDREN:

CYRUS LLOYD ALPHIN was born August 11, 1878 in Onslow County, North Carolina. He died July 2, 1921. He married Lorena Jarman. She died February 9, 1958.

MATTIE LEE ALPHIN was born January 26, 1881 in Onslow County, North Carolina. She died June 24, 1967 and is buried in the Willow Dale Cemetery, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Her first marriage was to Walter L. Pearce, he died July 4, 1929. Her second marriage was to Richard S. Hare, he died July 26, 1952.

LONNIE HILL ALPHIN was born May 9, 1882 in Wayne County, North Carolina. He died March 20, 1951 and is buried in the Hodges Chapel Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery, Dunn, North Carolina. He married Dul Neighbors.

ERNEST FRANKLIN ALPHIN was born January 28, 1886 in Wayne County, North Carolina. He died March 15, 1940. He married Lula Ellen Sorrell.

LOU ANNA ALPHIN was born February 19, 1888 in Wayne County, North Carolina. She died January 17, 1919. She married Will Barrett.

MARY ELIZABETH ALPHIN was born May 18, 1890 in Wayne County, North Carolina. She died May 22, 1955 and is buried in the Alphin Cemetery.

LILLIE BELL ALPHIN was born April 18, 1895 in Wayne County, North Carolina. She died March 19, 1966. Her first marriage was to a Mr. Wilson and her second marriage was to Owen F. King. He died March 8, 1960, Faison, North Carolina. Burial is in the family cemetery in Faison, North Carolina.

The Alphin's were members of Woods Grove Church in the late 1800's and in 1901 they moved to Dunn, North Carolina. Jesse L. and Martha were faithful members of the Long Branch Free Will Baptist Church. Jesse L. was a deacon at Long Branch and a loyal member of the Cape Fear Free Will Conference for many years. Martha enjoyed the conference union meetings also. Martha's life was an example of service and sacrifice to God, her church, family and community.

The Alphin's daughter, Mattie Alphin Pearce Hare's first marriage was to W.L. (Walter Lemuel) Pearce. Walter's father was Reverend C.R. (Charles Richard) Pearce who pastored Woods Grove Church in 1894-1896. Mattie's second marriage was to Richard S. Hare, who was a faithful member of Woods Grove until his death in 1952. (*see Richard S. Hare - stained glass window history) The wedding ceremony of Richard and Mattie Pearce Hare was performed by Reverend J. Edward Johnson

The only surviving grandson of Jesse L. and Martha Alphin is Jesse C. Alphin who is 89 years old in 2009. Jesse C. and his wife Allene live in Dunn, North Carolina. The Alphin-Ellis Learning Center at Heritage Bible College (Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Incorporated) at Dunn was named in honor of Doctor & Mrs. Jesse C. Alphin and family and Doctor and Mrs. William (Bill) L. Ellis and family on August 16, 1998.

Picture and history of the Alphin's submitted by the great-granddaughter of Jesse L. and Martha Alphin and the granddaughter of Mattie Lee Alphin Pearce Hare, Cathy Pearce Bolich, who lives in Macungie, Pennsylvania.

(Please note that on the stained glass window - Alphin is misspelled)

OBITUARY

Martha Alphin departed this life February 18, 1928. She was 75 years old. Her husband, J.L. Alphin and two children preceded her to the other world several years ago. She was a faithful member of Long Branch Free Will Baptist church. She made her home with her son, Ernest Alphin, near Dunn. Her funeral was conducted from her home by her former pastor, Rev. C.A. Jackson, text Acts 9th ch, 36th verse, assisted by her pastor, Rev. J.R. Vann. The funeral was largely attended as she had many friends in Onslow, Wayne and Sampson counties where she had lived. From every community she had lived in people were there to testify of her faithfulness as a neighbor and Christian.

Her husband was a deacon in his church and a loyal member of the Cape Fear Free Will Conference for many years before his death. She enjoyed the conference's union meetings and her part of the services as well as he did. She was never absent from her church and Sunday School when she was able to go, and went many times when others would have been in bed.

God's people were always welcome in her home. She leaves five children: Ernest Alphin, Mrs. Walter Pierce, Goldsboro, Mrs. A.D. Wilson, Angier, Lonnie Alphin, Dunn, and Mary Alphin. Twenty-seven grandchildren, one great grandchild also survive. Sister Alphin's life was an example of service and sacrifice; her death a warning to us all to be ready. She died suddenly, quietly, peacefully.

Her old friend - FLORENCE GOFF

MRS. MARTHA E. ALPHIN DIES AT HOME NEAR DUNN

Goldsboro, February 23 — Mrs. Martha E. Alphin, of Harnette County, mother of Mrs. Walter Pearce of Goldsboro, died at her home near Dunn on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Alphin was wife of the late J.L. Alphin. She was a consistent member of Woods Grove Free Will Baptist Church. She is survived by two sons, L.H. and E.F. Alphin of Harnett County and three daughters, Mrs. Walter L. Pearce of Goldsboro; Mrs. A.D. Wilson of Angier and Miss Mary Wilson, Dunn.

MARTHA ALPHIN CALLED BEYOND

Was Widow of The Late J.L. Alphin and Mother of Mrs. W.L. Pearce

Mrs. Martha E. Alphin, wife of the late J.L. Alphin, of Harnette County, died at her home near Dunn last Sunday morning, February 19th.

Mrs. Alphin, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Huffman of Onslow County. She was married to J.L. Alphin of Wayne County at the age of twenty-four. To this union were born seven children. The following survive: Messrs L.H. and E.F. Alphin of Harnette County, Mrs. Walter L. Pearce of Goldsboro, Mrs. A.D. Wilson, of Angier, N.C. and Miss Mary Wilson, Dunn, N.C.

Mrs. Alphin was known as an active Christian and a good woman, a faithful wife and a beloved mother. She was a member of Woods Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Cornelius Jackson of Dunn, N.C. after which her body was entered in the family cemetery.



In Memory of

Nora Smith

& Honor of John G. Smith By Children



John Greene Smith
1895 - 1968

Nora Gurley Smith
1897 - 1934

In Memory of Nora Gurley Smith and Honor of John Greene Smith By Children

NORA GURLEY SMITH — Born: March 6, 1897, Died: June 12, 1934

Father: William M. Gurley

Mother: Mary Elizabeth Sauls

Married John Greene Smith, November 27, 1913

JOHN GREENE SMITH — Born: November 3, 1895, Died: December 31, 1968

Father: Joe P. Smith

Mother: Emma Smith

CHILDREN:

LAULAS was born October 26, 1914, died May, 11, 2003, married John D. Newsome

ROBERT was born June 3, 1916, died December 22, 1984, married Edna Butts

MABLE was born October 31, 1918, died January 10, 2007, married Riley B. Coker

AVA was born July 26, 1919, married Carl Faircloth

SARAH EMMA was born April 23, 1921, died June 4, 2000, married Earl Davis

JAMES E. (Shine) was born March 6, 1923, married Dixie Lee Ellis

ESTHER MAE was born December 2, 1924, married Benny H. Casey

JOE WILLIAM was born August 29, 1927, died August 17, 2007, married Dora Lee Grant

JOHN GREENE, JR. was born September 6, 1929, died July 30, 1934

NORA ANN was born October 16, 1931, married C. Rose Edmundson

JOHN GREENE SMITH married Blanche McKeel Butts on December 12, 1934. She was born August 30, 1901, died February 12, 1975

Father: William Zeb McKeel

Mother: Bettie Worrell

CHILDREN:

REX was born December 13, 1935, died January 8, 1977, married Barbara Jean Wise

VERNELL was born October 26, 1938, married Ernest A. Quinn

John Greene and Nora Gurley Smith were faithful members of Woods Grove in the early 1900's. John Greene was born November 3, 1895 and died December 31, 1968 at the age of 73. Nora Gurley Smith was born March 6, 1897 and died June 12, 1934 at the age of 37. They are buried in the Woods Grove Church Graveyard at 4009 Central Heights Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Family that are members or *attending Woods Grove in 2009.

The children are: Ava Faircloth, *James E. (Shine) Smith, Nora Ann Edmundson and Vernell Quinn (daughter of John Greene and Blanche McKeel Butts Smith).

The grandchildren are: Carol Creech, Daphne Price, Annette Pelletier, Dean Edmundson and Dana Quinn Simonetti.

The great-grandchildren are: Todd Pelletier, Jerry Creech and Carla Pate

Picture of Nora Gurley Smith submitted by Nora Ann Edmundson.

Picture of John Greene and history of John Greene and Nora Gurley Smith submitted by Vernell Quinn.



In Honor of

Berchie Hinson

By Children



Berchie Hinson
1899 - 1978

Berchie Hinson

Berchie Daniels Hinson was a member of Woods Grove Church in the mid 1900's. Berchie was born October 27, 1899 and died February 11, 1978 at 79 years old. She is buried at the Fairview Cemetery, LaGrange, North Carolina. Berchie married Fennel Hinson (known as Pete). He was born September 3, 1897 and died March 9, 1945 at the age of 47. They had ten children:

CHILDREN:

ELMA HINSON, born December 25, 1916, died March 3, 1978
HAZEL BARTLETT, born January 7, 1918, died February 2, 1979
NANNIE MAE HEAD, born September 6, 1920, died August 9, 1994
ISABELL HINSON, born September 9, 1922, died April 7, 1992
HELEN WHITLEY, born March 13, 1927, died January 21, 1981
JAMES HINSON, born January 7, 1930, died July 27, 1998
EDWARD HINSON, born September 8, 1932, died March 26, 1994
COOPER HINSON, born February 5, 1936, died September 22, 2000
J.W. HINSON, born July 1, 1940, died July 2, 1988
DOROTHY REASON, born February 25, 1925

Berchie Hinson had 24 grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren.

History and picture submitted by daughter, Dorothy Hinson Reason.

Berchie Daniels Hinson's Brothers and Sisters:

Emma Holmes, had 2 children
Carrie Coker, had 4 children
Alice Smith, had 2 children
Charlie Daniels, had 4 children
Edward Daniels, had 7 children
Luby Daniels, had 3 children
Walter Daniels

Fennel Hinson's (Pete) Brothers and Sisters:

Eva Peele, had 4 children
Nannie Howell, had 1 child

Half Brothers and Sisters:

Mattie Gardner, had 1 child
Ellen Kelly, had 1 child
Viola Daniels, had 4 children
George Peele, had 2 children
Bruce Peele, had 3 children



In Memory of

Joe P., Emma & Nora Smith

By John G. Smith



Joe P. Smith
1868 - 1926

Emma Smith
1868 - 1949



Nora Gurley Smith
1897 - 1934

**In Memory of Joe P. and Emma
And Nora Smith
By John G. Smith**

JOE P. SMITH — born March 1, 1868, died March 19, 1926

Father: George Smith

Mother: Elizabeth Brown

EMMA SMITH — born July 6, 1868, died July 27, 1949

Father: Thomas Etheldred Smith

Mother: Ava Newsome

Joe P. and Emma Smith were married on July 23, 1887.

CHILDREN:

KIRBY: born July 25, 1888, died September 18, 1960

ADELINE: born December 8, 1889, died September 20, 1936

WILLIE BURGESS: born October 15, 1891, died December 24, 1910

JOHN GREENE: born November 3, 1895, died December 31, 1968

John Greene Smith married Nora Gurley on November 27, 1913

NORA GURLEY: born March 6, 1897, died June 12, 1934

Father: William M. Gurley

Mother: Mary Elizabeth Sauls

Children of John G. & Nora Smith:

LAULAS: born October 26, 1914, married John D. Newsome

ROBERT: born June 3, 1916, married Edna Butts

MABLE: born October 31, 1918, married Riley B. Coker

AVA: born July 26, 1919, married Carl Faircloth

SARAH EMMA: born April 23, 1921, married Earl Davis

JAMES E. (Shine): born March 6, 1923, married Dixie Lee Ellis

ESTHER MAE: born December 2, 1924, married Benny H. Casey

JOE WILLIAM: born August 29, 1927, married Dora Lee Grant

JOHN GREENE, JR.: born September 6, 1929, died at age 4

NORA ANN: born October 16, 1931, married Carlton Rose Edmundson

John Greene Smith married Blanche McKeel Butts on December 12, 1934

Blanche McKeel Butts: born August 30, 1901, died February 12, 1975

Father: William Zeb McKeel

Mother: Bettie Worrell

CHILDREN:

REX: born December 13, 1935, married Jean Wise

VERNELL: born October 26, 1938, married Ernest Quinn

JOE P., EMMA & NORA GURLEY SMITH

Joe P. and Emma were members of Woods Grove Church in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Joe P. was born March 1, 1868 and died March 19, 1926 at the age of 58. Emma Smith was born July 6, 1868 and died July 27, 1949 at the age of 81. They were first buried in the Joseph Smith Cemetery. In 2008 they were moved to Wayne Memorial Park Cemetery, U.S. Highway 117 South, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Reverend Reynolds Smith (a great grandson) conducted a memorial service at this time.

Family members of Joe P. and Emma Smith that are members or *attending Woods Grove in 2009.

The grandchildren are:

Ava Faircloth, Nora Ann Edmundson, *James E. (Shine) Smith and Vernell Quinn.

The great grandchildren are:

Carol Creech, Daphne Price, Annette Pelletier, Dean Edmundson and Dana Quinn Simonetti.

The great-great grandchildren are:

Todd Pelletier, Jerry Creech and Carla Pate.

Nora Gurley Smith married John Greene Smith. Nora was a member in the early 1900's of Woods Grove Church. She was born March 6, 1897 and died June 12, 1934 at the age of 37. Nora and John Greene Smith are buried in the Woods Grove Church Graveyard, 4009 Central Heights Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27534.

Family members of Nora Gurley Smith and John Greene Smith that are members or *attending Woods Grove in 2009.

The children are:

Ava Faircloth, Nora Ann Edmundson, *James E. (Shine) Smith, Vernell Quinn (daughter of John Greene and Blanche McKeel Butts Smith)

The grandchildren are:

Carol Creech, Daphne Price, Annette Pelletier, Dean Edmundson and Dana Quinn Simonetti

The great grandchildren are:

Todd Pelletier, Jerry Creech and Carla Pate.

History of Joe P., Emma and Nora Gurley Smith submitted by Vernell Quinn.

Picture of Joe P. and Emma Smith submitted by Vernell Quinn.

Picture of Emma and Nora Gurley Smith submitted by Nora Ann Edmundson.



In Memory of

James H. & Annie V. Howell

By Children



James H. Howell
1876 - 1937

Annie V. Howell
1881 - 1938

James H. & Annie V. Howell

James H. Howell was born October 19, 1876 and died August 30, 1937 at the age of 50. His wife Annie V. Howell was born May 4, 1881 and died February 11, 1938 at the age of 56. They had 14 children.

CHILDREN:

A.P. HOWELL

GRANDCHILDREN:

Lib Howell Jackson, Barbara Howell Pratt

LEM HOWELL

Charlie Howell

HECK HOWELL

Jimmy Howell, Susie Howell, Mary Ann Howell Metz

CURTIS HOWELL

Judy Howell Justice, Margurita Howell Sullivan,
Junita Howell, C.F. Howell, Kenneth Howell, Buddie Howell
Leah Howell Bass, Alease Howell Williams,
Louise Howell Dail

LUCY HOWELL MARSHBURN

Della Marshburn Ginn

PATSY HOWELL LANCASTER

Chris Lancaster, Priscilla Lancaster Head,
Ann Lancaster Evans, N.W. Lancaster,
Peggy Lancaster Gurley, Marline Lancaster

NORA HOWELL TYNDALL

Martha Tyndall, A.P. Tyndall, Sallie Tyndall, Annie Tyndall
Brown, Norwood Tyndall, James Tyndall, Esther Tyndall,
Carl Tyndall, Gerldine Tyndall Strickland

GENEVA HOWELL FREDICKSON

Charlott Fredickson Porter, Christeen Fredickson Weaver

WILLIAM HOWELL

Bernice Howell, Jimmy Howell, Almeter Howell

OPHELIA HOWELL SOUTHERLAND (raised Carol Stroud)

BISHOP HOWELL

SALLY HOWELL

EMMA HOWELL

(INFANT CHILD DIED AT BIRTH)

The Howells were members of the church in the early 1900's and attended many years. James H. and Annie V. Howell are buried in the Henry Vinson Cemetery at 206 Vinwood Avenue, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27534.

History and pictures submitted by granddaughter Peggy Lancaster Gurley who is a member of Woods Grove in 2009. Great granddaughter Donna Mozingo is also a member of Woods Grove in 2009.



In Memory of

W.M. & Mary E. Gurley

By Children



W.M. Gurley
1860 - 1928

Mary E. Gurley
1868 - 1937

William Green and Mary Elizabeth Sauls Gurley

William Green Gurley was born on April 10, 1860, friends and family called him Bill. Interestingly enough he signed his name and was also known by W.M. Over the years the story has been handed down that started when he used the abbreviation of Wm for William to keep from writing the entire name.

Mary E. Gurley was born December 19, 1868

Gurley was married to Mary Elizabeth Sauls and the couple had 13 children. One child, Laura died in 1906 being only one year old. the other children of the marriage were:

JESSE THOMAS GURLEY
LIZZIE GURLEY SMITH
VERA GURLEY MOORING
NANNIE GURLEY SMITH
ADELINE GURLEY PARKS
WILLIAM GREEN "Billy" GURLEY
NORA GURLEY SMITH
NAOMI GURLEY TEACHEY FIELDS
JOHN HENRY GURLEY
DAVID E. GURLEY
ISAAC GURLEY
RUTH GURLEY CRUMPLER

The Gurleys both died at the age of 68. William died on April 30, 1928 and Mary Elizabeth died 9 years later on January 9, 1937. The Gurley's love of God and Woods Grove Church has been passed on through the generations and many family members are still active members of the church. In 2008, approximately 71 years after their death, the promise of the family tradition remains bright when you visit the nursery, where you'll find Dylan Pate, who is the great-great-great grandchild of William and Mary Elizabeth Gurley. W.M. and Mary E. Gurley are buried in the Woods Grove Church Graveyard, Central Heights Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27534.

Jesse Thomas Gurley's grandchildren that are members of Woods Grove in 2009 are:

Jesse (Buddy) Gurley, Edgar Gurley, Jr., J P Gurley, Malcolm Gurley and Ann Browder

Great grandchildren that are members of Woods Grove in 2009 are:

Mike Gurley, Dawn Smith, Chris Gurley and Melanie Bishop

Great-great grandchild Jessie Carter

Lizzie Gurley Smith's grandchildren that are members of Woods Grove in 2009 are:

Nancy Scott, Lola Mae Capps, Joe Corbett and Clayton Corbett

William Green (Billy) Gurley's daughter Eleanor Overman and granddaughters Evelyn Ezzell and Ann Browder are members of Woods Grove in 2009.

Nora Gurley Smith's children that are members or *attending Woods Grove in 2009 are:
Ava Faircloth, Nora Ann Edmundson and *James E. (Shine) Smith.

Grandchildren that are members of Woods Grove in 2009 are:
Carol Creech, Daphne Price, Annette Pelletier and Dean Edmundson.

Great grandchildren that are members of Woods Grove in 2009 are:
Todd Pelletier, Jerry Creech and Carla Pate

John Henry Gurley's sons that are members of Woods Grove in 2009 are:
Horace Gurley, Jesse Ray Gurley and John William Gurley

Grandchildren that are members of Woods Grove in 2009 are:
Katrina Gurley-Chase and Donna Mozingo

Pictures of W.M. & Mary E. Gurley submitted by Margie Jackson.

History prepared by Katrina Gurley-Chase (great grandchild).



In Memory of

M.S. & Mattie J. Smith

By Children



M.S. Smith
1859 - 1936
1st Trustee - 1885

Mattie J. Smith
1865 - 1920

M.S. Smith & Mattie J. Smith

M.S. Smith was the son of Allen (who was a trustee in 1885) and Sally Smith. M.S. (Marcellous) was born November 15, 1859 and died February 3, 1936 at the age of 76. M.S. Smith was a member of the church in the late 1800's and early 1900's. He (like his father Allen) was one of the first trustees in 1885 of Woods Grove Free Will Baptist Church at the age of 26. His first wife was Sarah O. Smith. She was born April 10, 1863 and died July 14, 1888. His second wife was Mattie J. Smith. She was born November 12, 1865 and died March 11, 1920. M.S. Smith is buried in the James Walker Cemetery at 250 Hood Swamp Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27534.

In 1885 M.S. and his father Allen Smith cut trees from the woods (believed to have been on the farm that Grover Smith (grandson of M.S. and great grandson of Allen Smith) owns today at 397 G & K Farm Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27534. They hauled the logs out by wagons drawn by horses to the wood mill owned by Allen Smith at the corner of U.S. 13 North and Hood Swamp Road, where Goldsboro Power Sports is located today. There the logs were cut and prepared into timber to be used to build Woods Grove Free Will Baptist Church in 1886. These men must have been very dedicated Christians to work at this tedious job for months.

History and pictures submitted by Carolyn Smith, granddaughter of M.S. Smith and great-granddaughter of Allen Smith.

M.S. Smith had nine children:

EMMETT SMITH

HENRIETTA SMITH WELLS

POLK SMITH

BART SMITH

HELEN SMITH BUTTS

SADIE SMITH DEFARLEY

ALLEN SMITH

RUTH SMITH DANIELS DEES

MARK SMITH

Grandchildren of M.S. Smith that are members of Woods Grove in 2009:

The children of Allen Smith are:

GROVER SMITH

CAROLYN SMITH

WINSTON SMITH

JAMES SMITH

The son of Mark Smith is: **SHELTON SMITH.**

The daughter of Ruth Smith Daniels Dees is **BLANCHE GURGANUS.**



In Memory of

Minnie Hare

& Richard S. Hare



Minnie Hare
1880 - 1945

Richard S. Hare
1878 - 1952
Trustee - 1916

Richard S. Hare, Sr. & Minnie Hare

Richard S. Hare was born January 8, 1878 and died July 26, 1952 at the age of 74. He was a trustee in 1916, a deacon and a life-long member of Woods Grove Church. He never missed a quarterly meeting for 50 years. He was also a trustee of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage. The members of the church held him in high esteem and a man of great wisdom. His first wife was Minnie. B. Hare, born January 20, 1880 and died January 20, 1945. She died on her birthday at the age of 65.

His second wife was Mattie Lee Alphin Pearce Hare. Mattie Hare was the daughter of J.L. and Martha Alphin. Richard S. Hare Sr. and his first wife Minnie are buried at Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Cemetery at 752 Stoney Creek Church Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

Richard S. Hare Sr., had five children:

CHILDREN:

RICHARD S. HARE, JR.

ALBERT HARE

LELAND HARE

MRS. J.C. SASSER

MRS. JIM EDMUNDSON

Brothers and sisters of Richard Stephen Hare (7th child):

DELLA HARE POLLOCK

REDDEN HARE

LEWIS E. HARE (Tommy Hare's great grandfather) (Danielle Hare's great-great grandfather)

BETTY J. HARE CARTER

MARY C. HARE

GEORGE W. HARE - church member 1929 (Lucille Smith's grandfather)

RICHARD STEPHEN HARE - church member 1929

LOU ANNE HARE GARDNER - church member 1929

JOHNNY H. HARE

PATSY HARE PERSON - church member 1929

JETHRO HARE - church member 1929 (Edna Candler's father)

Tommy Hare, Danielle Hare, Lucille Smith and Edna Candler are members of Woods Grove in 2009.

Picture and history submitted by: Lucille Smith and Jack Sasser

OBITUARY

R. S. HARE, SR.

"For we know if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Mr. R.S. Hare, Sr., age 74, changed this earthly tabernacle for a heavenly one, July 26, 1952. His moving has left such a vacancy, that even the children, as well as the elders, feel it. He was faithful first to God, and then his fellowman. He was a lifelong member, Deacon and Trustee of Woods Grove Church, never missing a quarterly meeting, and also a Trustee of the Orphanage. He was kind and understanding; many times he has helped people with problems they were facing, by giving them spiritual advice, which always proved to be sound and right. I say this sincerely, I held him in the very highest esteem. Men of his like are very few. Speaking for the church, Woods Grove has suffered a great loss. My prayer, is for God to give us more men like him. The last time he was at church, he asked us to sing, "Hold the Fort For I'm Coming" — I can almost see him as tears ran down his cheeks; no doubt he was thinking of "going to the Father," even then. The words often on Jesus' lips in His last days express vividly the idea of "Going to the Father." We, too, who are Christ's people, have a vision of something beyond the difficulties and disappointments of this life. We, too, are going home. Much is unknown of our eternal Home, but two things are definitely clear. It is "The Father's House," and we shall be with Him. We are all travelers, in this life, and not settlers. Bro. Hare has traveled the last mile of this earthly journey and beyond doubt, is at Home. His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. R.O. Byrd, assisted by Rev. C.A. Jackson, Rev. J.E. Andrews, Rev. E.A. Killette, and Rev. C.S. Johnson. Burial was made in the Deans Cemetery. The flowers were many and beautiful, and even these attested to his wide circle of friends and loved ones. May each of us purpose in our own hearts to live such lives that when the call to "The Great Supper" comes, we shall be able to go to the Father's House.

The little birds trust God, for they go singing from northern woods where autumn winds have blown,
With joyous faith their trackless pathway winging, to summer lands of song, afar, unknown.
Let us go singing then, and not go sighing: since we are sure our times are in His hand
Why should we weep, and fear, and call it dying? 'Tis only changing to a Summer-land.

May God richly bless this family to the effect, that everyone will be re-united in The House not made with hands.
Mrs. Norwood Vinson

RICHARD S. HARE, SR.

Bro. Richard Hare, Goldsboro, N.C. departed this life July 26, 1952. He has been an official in our conference for many years. For fifty years he never missed a quarterly meeting at Wood's Grove Church. He was on the orphanage board at the time of his death, and deacon at Woods Grove Church. Bro. Hare has served God since a young man. He was 74 years old. He was a successful farmer, a faithful husband, a good father. I visited him a few days before he left this world. His faith was fixed, his hope sure, his eyes was on Heaven. He suffered for nine weeks, was in the hospital three weeks. His pain is all over now. He leaves a devoted wife, three sons, two daughters, three brothers. I pray that they all live so they can hear the welcome: "Well done," at the end of the way.

An old friend - Florence Goff

Funerals

RICHARD S. HARE, SR.

Funeral for Richard S. Hare, Sr., 74, retired Stoney Creek farmer and cotton gin operator, was to be held at 4 p.m. today from the home in Belfast with his pastor, Rev. R.O. Byrd, officiating. Burial was to be in Deans cemetery.

Mr. Hare died in Wayne Memorial hospital at 8:30 p.m. Saturday after an illness of three weeks. He had been in declining health for several years. He was a life-long member and deacon of Woods Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mattie Pearce Hare; three sons, Richard Jr., Newport News, Va., Albert of Goldsboro, Leland of Charlottesville, Va.; two daughters, Mrs. J.C. Sasser, Goldsboro, Mrs. Jim Edmundson, Pikeville; two brothers, Lewis Hare of Goldsboro and George Hare of Pikeville.

Also surviving are six grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be nephews of the deceased, Paul Jackson, Alford Jackson, Quinton Hare, Rufus Hare, Arthur Hare and Horace Hare.



In Memory of

Sol'm & Jackie Ann Matthews

By James J. Matthews



Solomon Matthews

1859 - 1931

Trustee - 1916

Jackie Ann Matthews

1862 - 1948

Solomon and Jackie Ann Matthews (Sol'm)

Solomon Matthews was born January 30, 1859 and died February 25, 1931 at the age of 72. Jackie Ann Worrell Matthews was born April 11, 1862 and died August 7, 1948 at the age of 86. Solomon, 39 years old and Jackie Ann, 36 years old married May 20, 1898. Jackie Ann's father was James Worrell and her mother was Emily Parks Worrell. Solomon and Jackie had two children, James Jackson Matthews and Julia Emily Matthews Best. The Matthews were members of Woods Grove in the late 1800's and early 1900's. They were faithful and dedicated members for many years. Solomon was also a trustee in 1916 at the age of 57. The Matthews are buried in the James Worrell Cemetery at 402 Vinson Road, LaGrange, NC (on the James McGee Smith Farm — was the farm of Chester and Julia Best before sold to McGee Smith).

CHILDREN:

JAMES JACKSON MATTHEWS: Born August 24, 1899, died May 7, 1982, married Vicey Parks Matthews on October 29, 1932

GRANDCHILDREN:

JAMES EDGAR MATTHEWS, MARY RACHEL MATTHEWS, WILLIAM EARL MATTHEWS, JOHN BRANTLEY MATTHEWS, JOSEPH HAROLD MATTHEWS

JULIA EMILY MATTHEWS BEST: Born January 15, 1908, died July 1, 1990, married Chester Primrose Best on November 16, 1927

GRANDCHILDREN

RICHARD WASHINGTON BEST, JACKIE LOUISE BEST PARKS, EMILY GAYNELLE BEST WATERS, ALBERT STANLEY BEST, CHESTER PRIMROSE BEST, JR.

Picture and history submitted by Amy Newcomb Matthews
and husband Jim Matthews.



In Memory of

Thelma G. Chase

By Mother & Father



Thelma G. Chase
1924 - 1960

Thelma Grady Chase

Thelma Grady Chase was born June 10, 1924 and died January 2, 1960 at the age of 35. Her father was Walter Grady and her mother was Berchie Sauls Grady. Her Christian parents carried her to Woods Grove Church as a child and later she was saved and became a member. She married Thomas Chase. They had two daughters: Judy Chase Tart and Gail Chase Edmundson. Thelma and her family lived in the Pinewood Community on Berkeley Boulevard. Thelma was sickly for a long period of time with heart disease. She is buried at Wayne Memorial Park Cemetery, U.S. Highway 117 South, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Her brothers were Giles Grady and Relmond Grady. Her sisters were Inez Grady Johnson, Adelle Grady Mozingo and Marie Grady Turnage.

Picture and history submitted by Adell Grady Mozingo - sister.

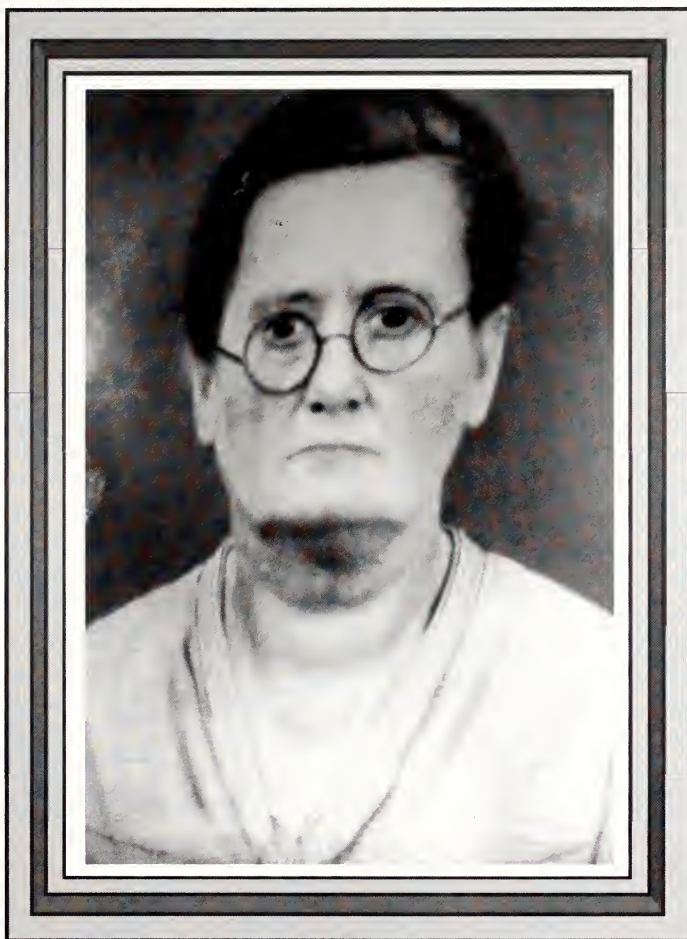


Born 1871

Died 1945

In Memory of our mother

Mrs. Hattie Smith Coker



Hattie Smith Coker
1871 - 1945

HARRIETT OLIVIA SUTTON

HARRIETT "HATTIE" OLIVIA SUTTON was the eight child of Mary Catherine Hill and Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. She was born March 4, 1871 at the Falling Creek homeplace in Lenoir County.

Hattie was dark complexioned with black hair and brown eyes. She was tall and slender and large framed. She was jolly, good natured, loved to visit and have company and never saw a stranger. She was a very neat and proud lady.

Hattie Sutton was married first December 24, 1895 on Christmas Eve to Joseph Oscar Smith. He was born July 1, 1860, in Wayne County. He was the son of Chrischany Parks and Ezekial Smith.

Joseph Smith was fair complexioned with black hair and blue eyes. He always wore a mustache. He was considered a small man physically but stood tall as he went about doing good.

After Hattie and Joseph were married they lived in Wayne County at Hood Swamp with Joseph's father and mother. They farmed, working long and hard hours as farmers do. Being a smart man he accumulated land holdings around Hood Swamp. Hattie was a Free Will Baptist and loved her church at Woods Grove. They held a firm hand on the children and would tan their hides in a minute.

Hattie and Joseph had 6 children, 2 sons and 4 daughters. An infant son was born dead. Robert Lee was accidentally burned to death at the age of 3 years. Chrischane (Kitsey), Mary Catherine (Mamie), Mabel Viola, and Helen Joseph Smith, the four surviving daughters married and had families.

Joseph Oscar Smith died March 31, 1908 in Wayne County. He is buried in the Smith Family Cemetery at Hood Swamp in Wayne County.

Harriett Sutton Smith, a widow with 5 small children, married second October 30, 1908, her husband's first cousin, Calhoun Smith. He was a widower with a family of six boys and two girls. Calhoun Smith was born about 1856, the son of Mary Clasky and Mark Smith, Jr. Hattie helped raise two of these children. Hattie and Calhoun had no children of their own. He died April 21, 1914. He is buried in the Family Cemetery in Greene County.

Harriett Sutton Smith married third in 1925 to George Coker. He was also a widower with a family of six boys and two girls. George Coker was born November 22, 1877. Hattie helped raise three of the youngest children. Hattie and George had no children. George Coker died January 13, 1932 and is buried beside the highway at Coker's Mill in Wayne County.

Hattie lived with her family at Hood Swamp. She became a diabetic late in life but her health remained good. She loved to visit her friends and relatives. She enjoyed calling her sister, Huldah and herself, "Sarah and Sal" as they went about visiting. She also loved young people and like to have them about her. All of her life she wanted to fly in an airplane, but time went by and she never did accomplish this goal.

Harriett Sutton Smith Coker died December 12, 1945 in Wayne County and is buried in the Smith Family Cemetery near her home at Hood Swamp in Wayne County, N.C.

HARRIETT OLIVIA SUTTON

Eighth Child of

Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill

HARRIETT (HATTIE) OLIVIA SUTTON born 4 March 1871 in Lenoir County. Died 12 December 1945. Buried Smith Family Cemetery at Hood Swamp, Wayne Co. Married 24 March 1895 1st. JOSEPH OSCAR SMITH, born 1 July 1860 in Wayne Co. Died 31 March 1908. Buried Smith Family Cemetery, Wayne County. He was the son of Chrischane Parks and Ezekial Smith (1816-1899).

Harriett Olivia (Hattie) Sutton and Joseph Oscar Smith had 6 children: 2 sons and 4 daughters:

1. **INFANT SON** born and died October 1896. Lived one day. Buried Smith Family Cemetery at Hood Swamp.
2. **CHRISCHANEY (KITSEY) SMITH** born 15 July 1898 in Wayne County. Married 14 January, 1916. Kirby Wiley Vaughn, Sr., born October 1891 in Greene County. Died 1 August, 1951. Buried

Vaughn Cemetery, Shine N.C. He was the son of Missouri Barrow and Lonnie Vaughn. They had 12 children: 9 sons and 3 daughters:

- A. Kirby (Jack) Wiley Vaughn, Jr., born 28 September, 1916 in Greene Co. Married 15 July, 1945 to Verna Frances Hart, born 1 April 1922 in Greene County, the daughter of Celia Howell and Johnny Hart.
2 children:
(a) Ronald (Ronnie) Ray Vaughn, born 26 April 1946 in Greene Co. Married 21 March 1969, Letha Tyndall, born 28 September, 1946 the daughter of Maude Harrison and - - - Tyndall.
1 daughter:
(1) Lisa Carol Tyndall born 28 January, 1968 in Sacramento, California.
- (b) Donnie Roger Vaughn born 16 December, 1950 in Greene Co. Married Donna Geraldine Hart, born 2 December, 1953, the daughter of Mabel Sauls and Edgar Hart.
- B. Wyatt Virgil Vaughn, born 5 December, 1919 in Greene County. Died 11 March, 1970. Buried Snow Hill Cemetery. Unmarried.
- C. William Wayne Vaughn, born 7 July 1921 in Greene County. Married Edith Nancy Denning, a widow from Winston-Salem, N.C. 2 children
(a) Nancy Carol Vaughn, born 12 November, 1953. Married 17 May, 1972, Donald Dahms of N.Y.
(1) Donald Dahms, Jr. born 1973 in Japan.
- (b) Thomas (Tommy) Wayne Vaughn, born 1959.
- D. Dillard Otis Vaughn, born 9 August, 1923 in Greene County. Unmarried.
- E. James Waitus Vaughn, born 22 November, 1924 in Greene County. Unmarried.
- F. Joseph Denver (Dick) Vaughn, born 21 January, 1926 in Greene County. Unmarried.
- G. Dorothy Mae Vaughn, born 3 February, 1928 in Greene County. Married 10 November, 1951 (Sep.) Hubert Carlton Wood, born 1923, the son of Thelma Byrd and Virley Wood. 4 children:
(a) Philip Anthony Wood, born and died August, 1952, in Pitt Co.
- (b) Marcia Lynn Wood, born 19 September, 1953 in Pitt County. Married 17 June, 1972, Melvin Ray Suggs, born 11 April, 1953 in Wayne Co., the son of Sudie Mae Grady and Robert (Rob) LeRoy Suggs.
- (c) Randy Lynn Wood, born 21 May, 1955 in Pitt County.
- (d) Craig Rennie Wood, born 13 March, 1959 in Pitt County.
- H. Drew Edward Vaughn, born 17 December, 1931 in Greene County. Married Shirley Wainwright. 2 children:
(a) Drew Edward Vaughn, Jr., born March 1964.
- (b) Jeffery Vaughn, born 1968.
- I. Jimmy Lee Vaughn, born 10 August, 1935 in Greene County. Married 18 December, 1965, Evelyn Lee, born 23 January 1944 in Lenoir County, the daughter of Aileene Elizabeth Honeycutt and James Arthur Lee. 2 children:
(a) Larry Dean Vaughn, born 4 February, 1967 in Craven County.
- (b) Sonya Kaye Vaughn, born 6 February, 1968 in Greene County.
- J. Myde Louise Vaughn, born 3 April 1937 in Greene County. Married Hilton Maurice Harrison, Sr., the son of Eugene Harrison.
(a) Hilton Maurice Harrison, Jr., born 10 September, 1966.
- K. Willie Harrell Vaughn, born 1 June, 1938. A child. Died 26 May, 1942
- L. Clyde Marjorie Vaughn, born 5 June 1940 in Greene County. Married 31 December, 1958, Alton Drew Barrow Sr., born 30 March 1938 in Lenoir County, the son of Sally Sugg and Daniel Webster Barrow. 2 children:
(a) Alton Drew Barrow, Jr., born 3 April, 1964 in Lenoir County.
- (b) Lisa Ann Barrow, born 11 December 1965 in Lenoir County.
3. **MARY CATHERINE (MAMIE) SMITH** born 27 January, 1900 in Wayne County. Died 6 May, 1973. Buried Walker Cemetery at Hood Swamp, Wayne Co. Married 15 March, 1925, Allen Smith, born 2 November 1898 in Wayne County, the son of Matt Smith and Marcellus Smith. 8 children:
A. Infant son, born and died 1926 in Wayne County.

- B. Malcolm Earl Smith, born 27 February, 1927 Wayne County. Married 20 February, 1950 (Div.) Reba Rebina Ginn.
 - (a) Sheila Ann Smith, born 24 July, 1950. Married 26 December, 1969, Wilton Douglas Stafford, born 9 May, 1949.
 - (b) Dwight Elliott Smith, born 1 November, 1952.
 - Malcolm Earl Smith, married 2nd, 7 June, 1973, Betty Lou Taylor, born 16 July, 1936, the daughter of Corrin Dail and James W. Taylor.
 - C. James Harold Smith, born 12 December, 1928 in Wayne Co. Married 24 October, 1953, Mabel Christine Singleton, born 11 May, 1935 in Wayne Co., the daughter of Lillie Grant and Brodie Milford Singleton. 2 children:
 - (a) Pamela Lynn Smith, born 22 May 1958, in Sussex County, Delaware.
 - (b) Michael James Smith, born 5 April, 1961 in Kent Co., Delaware.
 - D. Doris Catherine Smith, born 7 March, 1932 in Wayne County. Married 10 October, 1949 (Div.) Willie Howard Vaughn, the son of Lille Best and Charlie Vaughn. 3 children:
 - (a) Billy Howard Vaughn, born 10 July 1950 in Greene County. Married 14 March 1969, Sandra Smith, born July 1950, the daughter of Elizabeth Ginn and Zeb Smith.
 - (1) Billy Howard Vaughn, Jr., born 19 March, 1971.
 - (b) Charlie Dennis Vaughn, born 29 September, 1953 in Greene County. Married 23 September, 1972, Gwen Morris, born 15 January, 1955, the daughter of Betty Taylor and Bill Morris.
 - (1) Charlia Denise Smith, born 10 November, 1973.
 - (c) Lillie Kathryn (Katy) Vaughn, born 10 October, 1954 in Wayne County, Married 1st 10 June, 1970, Roger Keith Smith, born 14 June, 1953.
Lillie Kathryn Smith, married 2nd, 10 November, 1972, Samuel Thomas (Tom) Casey, born 24 November, the son of Elizabeth Gregory and Emmett Casey.
 - E. Grover Allen Smith, born 16 November, 1933 in Wayne County. Married 16 March, 1956, Katherine Marie Wells, born 26 February 1938, the daughter of Irene Sauls and Marvin R. Wells, Sr. 2 children:
 - (a) Grover Allen Smith, Jr., born 24 July, 1966.
 - (b) Cynthia Renee Smith, born 20 October, 1968.
 - F. Billy Ray Smith, born 15 June, 1936 in Wayne County, died July 22, 2002, Married 26 August, 1960, Gladys Spicer, born 2 August, 1937. 3 children:
 - (a) Robbie Smith, born 28 July, 1959 (child by Gladys 1st. marriage)
 - (b) Sonja Kaye Smith, born 9 September, 1962 in Arizona.
 - (c) Laura Ann Smith, born 9 April, 1966 in Arizona, died 15 August, 1977
 - G. Jane Carolyn Smith, born 7 November, 1939 in Wayne County. Married 6 May, 1956, John Walter Smith, the son of Mildred Dees and Earl Smith. 2 children:
 - (a) Theresa Ann Smith, born 2 December, 1956.
 - (b) Dwayne Alan Smith, born 25 February, 1959.
 - H. Winston Churchill Smith, born 16 January, 1942, in Wayne County. Married 26 February, 1956 (Div.) Dianne Dameron.
 - (a) Gary Wayne Smith, born 15 May, 1966. Married 23 December, 1972, Vicki Crawford Wilson, born 21 March 1950, the daughter of Margie Crawford and Thomas Wilson.
4. **MABEL VIOLA SMITH**, born 21 January 1902 in Wayne County. Married 1st, 28 September, 1918, Frank Bernice Wise, born 11 October 1898 in Wayne County. Died 11 November, 1931. Buried, Smith Family Cemetery, Hood Swamp, Wayne County. He was the son of Georgiana Butts and Alf Wise. 2 children:
- A. Harriett Inez Wise, born 20 February, 1920 in Wayne County. Married 16 April, 1939, James Franklin Strickland, born 24 March 1917. Died 20 October, 1962. Buried Wayne Memorial Park, Goldsboro, N.C. He was the son of Ora Hinnant and Joseph Strickland. No children.
 - B. Alease LaVee Wise, born 30 July, 1922 in Wayne County. Alease La Vee Wise, married 3rd., 27 December, 1955, Daniel C. Hamer, Jr., born 21 December, 1923 in Forsyth. Died 30 September, 1971. Buried Knoxville, Tennessee. He was the son of Addie Copeland and Daniel Curtis Hamer Sr.

1 daughter:

(a) Inez LaVee Hamer, born 20 February, 1957 in Wayne County.

MABEL VIOLA SMITH WISE, married 2nd., 26 August, 1934, James (Jim) Parks Smith, born 11 October, 1885 in Wayne County. Died 24 March 1962. Buried Smith Family Cemetery at Hood Swamp. He was the son of Bettie Parks and Amaziah P. Smith. James Parks Smith was a widower with 4 children, named Raymond Lee, Dorothy Dodd, Lola Pearline and Walter William. He adopted Dorothy's son, James McGee, after her death.

A. James McGee Smith, born 15 November, 1929 in Wayne County. Married 4 October, 1952, Mabel Lynch Herring, born 28 January, 1931 in Lenoir County, the daughter of Elizabeth Sutton and Ben P. Herring. 2 children:

(a) Ben McGee Smith, born 12 December, 1960.

(b) Bethanie Dodd Smith, born 1 September, 1963.

B. Betty Shirley Smith, born 28 August, 1936 in Wayne County. Married 1st. Donald Kay Whitley, the son of Maybelle Coker and Carl Whitley. One son:

(a) James Smith Whitley, born 20 October, 1956 in Wayne County.

Shirley Smith Whitley married 2nd., 29 December, 1969, Blair MacIver Graham, born 30 December, 1929 in Charlotte, N.C., the son of Della Watkins Wicker and Norman Graham.

C. James Parks (J.P.) Smith, Jr., born 21 December 1938 in Wayne County. Married 1st Edith Darden (Div.) No children.

James Parks Smith married 2nd., September 1969, Jackie Eason Edwards, born 9 April, 1941, the daughter of Arvona Parnell and Preston Eason. Jackie had a son by 1st husband, Henry Edwards.

(a) Joey Preston Edwards, born in Wayne County.

5. **ROBERT LEE SMITH**, born 29 July 1905 in Wayne County. A child, accidentally burned to death. Died 4 December, 1908. Buried Smith Family Cemetery, Hood Swamp

6. **HELEN JOSEPH SMITH**, born 4 November, 1906 in Wayne County. Married 22 February, 1926, Henry Jordan (Jerd) Newsome, born 3 March, 1903 in Wayne County. Died 10 February 1969. Buried Wayne Memorial Park, Goldsboro, N.C. He was the son of Ada Farmer and John J. Newsome. 1 son:

A. Conway (Connie) Terrell Newsome, born 20 March 1929 in Wayne County. Married 3 September, 1955 Maxine Lane, born 14 September, 1934 in Duplin County, the daughter of Mamie Jones and Lewis Lane. 2 children:

(a) Michael (Mike) Terrell Newsome, born 9 January, 1958 in Wayne County.

(b) Kimberly (Kim) Lane Newsome, born 25 February, 1960 in Wayne County.

HARRIETT (HATTIE) OLIVIA SUTTON SMITH, married 2nd, 30 October 1908, Calhoun Smith, born about 1856 in Greene County. Died 21 April, 1914. Buried Family Cemetery in Greene County. No children.

HARRIETT SUTTON SMITH, married 3rd. 1925, George Coker, born 22 November 1877. Died 13 January, 1932. Buried Coker's Mill, Hood Swamp, Wayne County, N.C. No children.

Hattie Smith Coker was a member of Woods Grove in the early 1900's and until her death in 1945. She was 74 years old.

Grandchildren that are members of Woods Grove in 2009 are:

Grover Allen Smith

James Harold Smith

Winston Churchill Smith

Jane Carolyn Smith

History and picture submitted by Granddaughter Carolyn Smith.



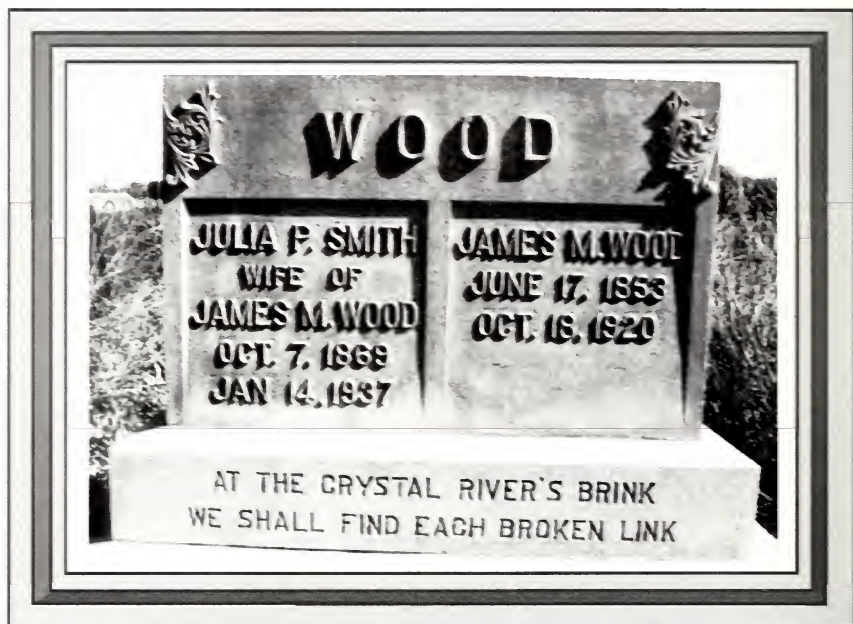
Woods Grove F.W.B. Church
Named in Honor of

James M. & Emma P. Wood

March 15, 1886



Emma Parks Wood
1853 - 1893
1st wife of James M. Wood



Julia P. Smith Wood
2nd wife
1869 - 1937

James M. Wood
1853 - 1920

James M. & Emma P. Wood

James M. Wood was born on June 17, 1853 and died on October 18, 1920 at the age of 67 from Bright's Disease. He married Emma L. Parks Wood in 1877, when they both were 24 years old. They had no children. Emma P. Wood was born on July 26, 1853 and died November 11, 1893 at the age of 40. A lot can be said about this very special couple. They loved people and God's work enough to deed one acre of land to Woods Grove Free Will Baptist Church on March 15, 1886. On this land our church was erected and remains today with many additions over the past years. But most of all, the Hand of God still rest upon Woods Grove Church. Through the doors of our church many people have entered in the past 125 years - but most of all, many souls have been touched, healed, drawn closer to God, saved and added to the Kingdom of God. In researching our 16 stained glass windows only 15 had names upon them. The church voted at our July 16, 2008 business meeting to have the one window remaining without a name, to place James M. and Emma P. Wood's name upon it, in order to honor this special couple and the act of kindness they did for our church. Woods Grove Free Will Baptist Church was named after the Woods in 1885 - 1886. After the death of his first wife, Emma in 1893, James M. married Julia P. Smith Wood in 1894. They also had no children. Julia was born on October 7, 1869 and died January 14, 1937 from cancer. James M. Wood was a man of wealth - but a man with a giving spirit. He made a deed for one acre of land to Woods Chapel F.W.B. Church in 1896. He made a deed for one and a half acres of land for (Col) cemetery in 1912, near Woods Mill (by Trs). Only God knows the many deeds and acts of kindness this special man named James M. Wood did for others.

Florence Wood Adams, a great niece who lives in La Grange, North Carolina 28551, was very helpful in supplying the history we have obtained. James M., his first wife Emma P. and his second wife Julia are buried in the James Parks Cemetery at 1035 New Hope Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27534. (Located behind the old Doctor Rose home) about one mile down a dirt path, before getting to Eastern Wayne High School. (You can see the cemetery from New Hope Road)

History submitted by Florence Wood Adams, Lucille Smith and Hilda Grady.

Mrs. Florence's grandfather DeWooding Wood is brother to James M. Wood. This makes James M. Wood her great uncle.

Picture of tombstones submitted by Margie Jackson and Hilda Grady.

JAMES M. (MARSHALL) WOOD - (1853-1920)

Father: Dempsey (Tommy) Wood, Mother: Elizabeth (Betsy) Sutton Wood, Grandfather: Hardy Sutton, Grandmother: Anna Hill Sutton

Brothers: DeWooding Wood, married Florence Coward; Jonas Wood, married Mary Elizabeth Wooten; Thomas Wood, married Sarah (Sally) Joyner; Sisters: Avy Wood, married Jacob Parrott Harper; Laurah Wood, married William Ellis Swain; Elizabeth (Betty) Wood, married R.E. Beamon.

EMMA L. PARKS - (1858-1893) 1st wife of James M. Woods - - No History

JULIA P. SMITH - (1869 - 1937) married James M. Wood. 2nd marriage to Robert (Bob) P. Uzzell.

Father: John Smith (1820-1901), Mother: Julia Parker Williams Smith (1825-1901), Maternal Grandfather: Mack Carr Williams, Maternal Grandmother: Mary (Polly) Uzzell Williams.

Brothers: William T. Smith, married 1st Hepsey Peel, 2nd Mollie Davis Bizzell

Christopher Wright Smith, married Mary Elizabeth Casey. Mack D. Smith, married Mary McDonald

John R. Smith, married Florence Massey, Charles A. Smith, married Cora McDonald

(The Benjamin Taylor Smith Line 851 - Wayne Heritage of North Carolina, page 432, Wayne County Public Library)

History submitted by Hilda Grady and Blanche Dawson Casey. Mrs. Blanche's grandfather DeWooding Wood is brother to James M. Wood. This makes James M. Wood Mrs. Blanche's great uncle.

Deed to Free Will Baptist Church at Woods Grove

This deed made this 15th day of March 1886, between James M. Wood & his wife Emma, of Wayne County, & State of North Carolina, on the first part, to Allen Smith, Elijah Venable, M. D. Smith, J. J. Roberts and J. B. Gardner, as Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Church, at Woods Grove, on the second part.

Witnesseth: That the said James M. Wood & his wife Emma for & in consideration of the good will which they have for the Church & for the further considerations of one dollar in hand paid by given grants, bargains & sales of, these presents do give grant bargain & sell unto said Trustees & their successors, in office, one acre of land for a place of worship & for no other purpose, situate in Wayne County, N.C. & near Mr. Ben Sauls, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the Snow Hill road, said Sauls corner, & run with said road S 12 3/4 E. 12 3/4 poles to a stake in said road, then N. 77 3/4 E. 10 1/4 poles to a stake. Then N 12 3/4 E. 18 3/4 poles to a stake in a ditch, in said Sauls line, then S 45 1/2 E. 11 1/2 poles to the beginning, containing one acre. To have and to hold to said Trustees & their successors, in office, as above stated; and the said James M. Wood and his wife Emma, as warrant, that they are seignior for premises I have right to convey the same, in fee: that they will warrant & defend the title to the same against the lawful claims of all persons.

In witness whereof the said James M. Wood & his wife have hereunto set their hands & seals the day & year above written.

Test: Jacob J. Mill.

J. M. Wood, (seal.)

Emma Wood, (seal.)

State of North Carolina

Wayne County, J. B. Parks, J.P. do hereby certify that J. M. Wood & Emma Wood, his wife, personally appeared before me this day, & acknowledged the due execution of the within deed: & the said Emma Wood, being by me privately examined separately & apart from her said husband, & avouching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same fully & voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person, and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Witness my hand & private seal, this 27th day of April, A.D. 1886.

J. B. Parks, J.P. (seal.)

State of North Carolina

Wayne County: The foregoing certificate of J. B. Parks, J.P. of Wayne County, is adjudged to be in due form and according to law. Therefore let the deed with this certificate be registered. This 11th May 1886.

R. R. May 11/86

A. J. Grady, C. C.

J. B. Gardner, Notary

Grantor Index to Deeds and Mortgages, Wayne County, To January 1st, 1921

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GRANTORS			GRANTEES		Book	Page	Date of Registration	Kind of Instrument	Description
AMILY NAME	GIVEN NAMES ABCDEFGHIJK	GIVEN NAMES IJKLMNOPQ	GIVEN NAMES RSTUVWXYZ						
Wood		J N		George L Kirby	53	149	1884	Mtg	Tract
do		J N		Rufus Smith	53	318	1884	Q C D	
do		J N		Bryant C Wood	53	327	1884	Deed	2 Lots
do		J N		George L Kirby	54	68	1885	Mtg	1 acre
do	E B			D Cressch & Company	54	413	1885	Deed	$\frac{1}{2}$ acre
do	Emma	James M		John I Herring	55	60	1885	Mtg	300acres
do			Sarah	Mary Rice	55	459	1885	Gift D	$\frac{1}{2}$ acre
do	Henrietta			John E Crow(et ux)	57	610	1887	Deed	Lot
do	Emma	J M		Freewill Baptist Church	58	77	1886	Gift D	1 acre
do	Emma L	J M		Junius Slocumb (Tr) et al	58	567	1888	Deed of Trust	276acres
do	Emma L (Admrx)			James M Wood	58	569	1888	Deed	276acres
do	Emma L	J M		Bank of New Hanover	59	500	1889	Mtg	300acres
do	Emily A			John O Thompson	61	495	1890	Deed	Lot
do		James N(By Admr)	Rosetta	W H Williams Sr	63	75	1889	Deed	12acres
do	Eliza		W F	W T Dortch	64	164	1891	Mtg	Lot
do	Emma L	J M		Zachariah Hinnant	65	433	1892	Deed	300acres
do(By Comr) et al	E B			E W Cox	66	170	1893	Deed	$\frac{1}{2}$ acre
do		Jesse Ophelia		Minnie C Rayner	66	498	1895	Deed	150acres
do	Emma	James M		Freewill Baptist Church or Wood's Chapel (by Tr)	68	523	1895	Deed	$\frac{1}{2}$ acre
do	E A		Will	E W Cox	72	135	1897	Deed	Lot
do		Ophelia Jesse		Rowland Lumber Company	74	387	1900	Timber D	150acres
do			Sarah	Margaret A Daughtry	75	385	1900	Deed	$\frac{1}{2}$ acre
do		Jesse Ophelia		F B Jordan	78	100	1900	Deed	150acres
do		J M Julia B		Henry P Hart	79	416	1902	Deed	250acres
do et al		J M Julia P		Charles A Smith	82	598	1903	Deed	150acres
do(By Comr) et al		J M		J M Wood et al	83	172	1903	Div of Land	
do		J M Julia P		(Col) Cemetery (Near Woods Mill) (By Trs)	109	395	1912	Deed	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres
do	Edna			J H Lewis	110	337	1913	Mtg	Lot
do		J M Julia P		William B Newsom et al	113	419	1913	Deed	2 Tract
do et al	Charlie V	Luella C		M Sherman	115	544	1913	Mtg	61acres
do et al	Charles V	Luella C		James R Hatch	131	305	1919	Mtg	61acres
do		J M Julia P		W J Handley	132	400	1918	Deed	$\frac{3}{4}$ acre
do			Tom H	A H Jewell et al	140	455	1919	Mtg	2 Tract
do	F E		Susie	Henry F Grady	141	173	1919	Deed	100acres
do		Julia P J M		City of La Grange	142	20	1919	Right of Way	
do	F E		Susie S	Henry F Grady	148	384	1919	Deed	150acres
do	Berta V		T H	E M Land (Tr) et al	153	35	1920	Deed of	



In Memory of
Nannie Gurley Smith

Wife of J. H. B. Smith



Nannie Gurley Smith
1895 - 1958

Nancy A. (Nannie) Gurley Smith

Nannie Gurley was born June 13, 1895 and died September 15, 1958 at the age of 63. She was the daughter of William M. Gurley (1860-1928) and Mary Elizabeth (Mary Etta) Sauls Gurley (1867-1937). Nannie married John Henry Burtis (J.H.B.) Smith (1890-1970) on December 9, 1911. J.H.B.'s parents were Henry Jordan (Jerd) Smith and Sarah Jane Daniels (1858-1937). Nannie and J.H.B. had five children: Rosetta Smith, Pauline (Polly) Smith, John Henry (Shorty) Smith, Hersel (Buddy) Smith and Esther Smith.

Nannie A. Gurley Smith and her husband J.H.B. were members of Woods Grove Church in the early and mid 1900's. One of Nannie's hobbies was a love for the beautiful flowers God created. Nannie and J.H.B. Smith were buried in the Willow Dale Cemetery in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

History and picture submitted by Nancy Scott and Betty Jean Corbett.

HUSBAND: John Henry Burtis Smith

Born 14 April 1890, Wayne County, Saulston Township, died 26 May, 1970, Wayne County, buried Willow Dale Cemetery, Goldsboro, N.C. Father: Henry Jordan "Jerd" Smith, Mother: Sarah Jane Daniels, (1858-1937), married 9 December, 1911, Wayne County.

WIFE: Nancy A. (Nannie) Gurley

Born 13 June, 1895, Wayne County, died 15 September, 1958, Wayne County, buried Willowdale Cemetery. Father: William M. Gurley (1860-1928) Mother: Mary Elizabeth (Mary Etta) (1867 - 1937)

CHILDREN:

ROSETTA SMITH: Born 28, September 1912, Wayne County, died 5 May, 2005, Wayne County, buried 7 May, 2005, Willow Dale Cemetery, Goldsboro, N.C., Wayne County. Religion: Methodist, Spouse: Paul Rose.

PAULINE (Polly) SMITH: Born 29, March 1915, died 6 February, 2002, Kitty Askins Hospice Center, Wayne County, Spouse: Cecil Ray Purnell.

JOHN HENRY (Shorty) SMITH: Born 30, January, 1919, Wayne County, died 19 March, 1974, Wayne County, buried 22 March, 1974, Willow Dale Cemetery, Spouse: Delphie Rose.

HERSEL (Buddy) SMITH: Born 13, August, 1916, Spouse: Christine High

ESTHER SMITH: Born 11, March 1923, Wayne County, died 5 June, 1997, Wayne County, buried 8 June, 1997, Providence United Church Cemetery, Spouse: James E. Boyd

HUSBAND'S NOTES: John Henry Burtis Smith married second Elsie Batten, December 4, 1953.

HUSBAND: John Henry (Shorty) Smith

Born 30 January, 1919, Wayne County, died 19 March, 1974, Wayne County, buried 22 March, 1974, Willow Dale Cemetery. Father: John Henry Burtis Smith, (1890-1970) Mother: Nancy A. (Nannie) Gurley, (1895 - 1958))

WIFE: Delphia Rose

Born 25 December, 1919, died 31 October, 1991, Wayne County

HUSBAND: Paul Rose

WIFE: Rosetta Smith: Born 28 September, 1912, Wayne County, Died 5 May, 2005, Wayne County, buried 7 May, 2005, Willow Dale Cemetery, Goldsboro, N.C., Wayne County, Religion: Methodist Father: John Henry Burtis Smith (1890-1970) Mother: Nancy A. (Nannie) Gurley (1895-1958)

CHILDREN:

M: Ronnie Rose

M: Ceddie Rose

F: Mary Etta Rose

F: Sarah Rose

WIFE'S NOTES: Goldsboro News-Argus, Thursday, May 5, 2005. Rosetta Smith Rose, 92, a resident of the Sterling House, died Wednesday at Wayne Memorial Hospital. The funeral will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Seymour Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Willow Dale Cemetery. Mrs. Rose was born in Wayne County and was the daughter of the late John Henry Burtis Smith and Nancy Smith. She was married to the late Paul Rose and was very active in her church and community before her declining health. She had been a member at Daniels Memorial United Methodist Church for over 50 years and been active in music and administration at the church, serving as the church organist and pianist for over 45 years.

Mrs. Rose had been a member of the Goldsboro Rescue Squad Auxiliary and earned the Grace Sigmon Memorial Award for being an outstanding rescue squad auxiliary member in the state of North Carolina. She had been a member of the Extension Homemakers and had served as an international leader.

HUSBAND: Cecil Ray Purnell

Born 7 July, 1908, Wayne County, died 14 June, 1977, Wayne County

WIFE: Pauline (Polly) Smith

Born 29 March, 1915, died 6 February, 2002, Kitty Askins Hospice Center, Wayne County

Father: John Henry Burtis Smith (1890-1970) Mother: Nancy A. (Nannie) Gurley (1895-1958)

CHILDREN:

FRANK HENRY "DUKES" PURNELL

Born December 23, 1936, Wayne County, died 21 May, 2002, Wayne Memorial Hospital, buried 24 May, 2002, Wayne Memorial Park, Spouse: Yvonne Williams, married October 13, 1966.

WIFE'S NOTES: Pauline "Polly" Smith Purnell, 86 died Wednesday at Kitty Askins Hospice Center. A native of Wayne County, she was the daughter of the late J.H.B. Smith and Nannie Gurley Smith and was married to the late Cecil Ray Purnell. Mrs. Purnell was a retired secretary with the Production Credit Association and was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. Mrs. Purnell and her son were the owners and operators of Griffin's Barbecue for 29 years. A graveside service will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Willow Dale Cemetery with the Rev. Robert L. Bame officiating. Mrs. Purnell is survived by her son, Dukes Purnell and his wife, Yvonne W. Purnell of Goldsboro; a granddaughter Polly Purnell of Atlantic Beach; and a sister, Rosetta Smith Rose of Goldsboro. She was preceded in death by her brothers, J.H. "Shorty" Smith and Hersel Smith; and a sister Esther Smith Boyd.

HUSBAND: Frank Henry "Dukes" Purnell

Born December 23, 1936, Wayne County, died 21 May, 2002, Wayne Memorial Hospital, buried 24 May, 2002, Wayne Memorial Park

Father: Cecil Ray Purnell (1908-1977) Mother: Pauline (Polly) Smith (1915-2002), married October 13, 1966.

WIFE: Yvonne Williams

CHILDREN:

POLLY LORRAINE PURNELL

Spouse: Austin Ronald Norris, married 19 June, 2004, Morehead City, N.C.

GRANDCHILDREN: Tanner Jones Norris, Regan Grace Norris

HUSBAND'S NOTES: Death Date: May 21, 2002

Frank Henry "Dukes" Purnell, 65, of 1509 Palm St., died Tuesday at Wayne Memorial Hospital. A native of Wayne County, he was the son of the late Cecil Ray Purnell and Pauline Smith Purnell and was the owner and operator of Griffin's Barbecue until his retirement. An avid motorcyclist, fisherman and lover of mankind, Mr. Purnell was a graduate of University of North Carolina at Wilmington and was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Goldsboro Elks Lodge #139 B.P.O.E. Funeral service will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Seymour Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Morrison and Rev. Bob Bame officiating. Burial will follow in Wayne Memorial Park. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Yvonne Williams Purnell and a daughter, Polly Purnell, and her special friend, Austin Norris of Atlantic Beach.

HUSBAND: Hersel (Buddy) Smith

Born 13 August, 1916, Father: John Henry Burtis Smith (1890-1970), Mother: Nancy A. (Nannie) Gurley (1895-1958)

WIFE: Christine High

HUSBAND: James E. Boyd

Born 26 March, 1922, Wayne County, died 20 May, 1997, Wayne County, buried 22 May, 1997, Providence United Methodist Church Cemetery.

WIFE: Esther Smith

Born 11 March, 1923, Wayne County, died 5 June, 1997, Wayne County, buried 8 June, 1997, Providence United Church Cemetery

Father: John Henry Burtis Smith (1890-1970) Mother: Nancy A. (Nannie) Gurley (1895-1958)

CHILDREN:

BECKY BOYD: spouse Bruce Weisiger

ANN BOYD: spouse Sam Savage Sr.

HUSBAND'S NOTES: James Ernest Boyd, 75, died Tuesday at home. A native of Wayne County, he was the son of the late Ernest Jerome and Lillie Mae Skinner Boyd. He was a member of Daniels Memorial United Methodist Church and was a life member of Goldsboro Rescue Squad. Mr. Boyd was a member of Wayne Shrine Club, a Shriner and member of the Wrecking Crew, Wayne Masonic Lodge #112 and Goldsboro Elks Lodge #139 BPOE. Funeral services will be held Thursday at Providence United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Virgil Huffman officiating. Burial with Masonic Rites will follow in Providence Church Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Esther Smith Boyd; two daughters and sons-in-laws, Becky and Bruce Weisiger of Goldsboro and Ann and Sam Savage Sr. of Jamesburg, N.J. a sister, Lorene Potter of Goldsboro, a brother Herman Boyd of Goldsboro; and four grandchildren.

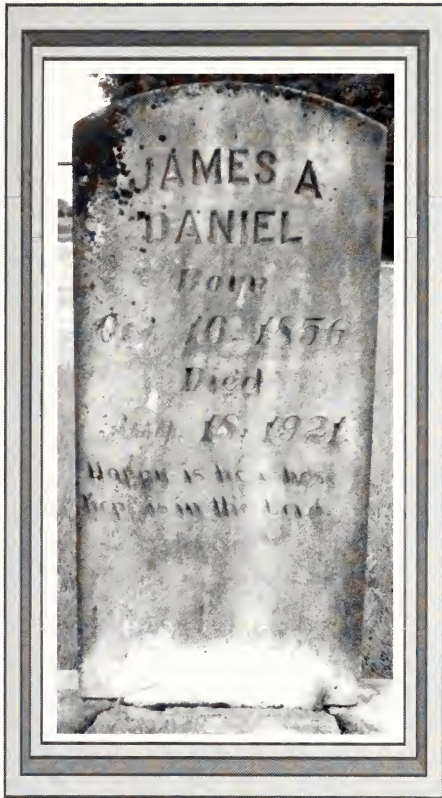
WIFE'S NOTES: Esther Smith Boyd, 74 died Thursday at Wayne Memorial Hospital. The funeral will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at Providence United Methodist Church. The Reverends Virgil B. Huffman and Sam Savage will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Mrs. Boyd was a native of Wayne County, was the daughter of the late John Henry Burtis Smith and Nannie Gurley Smith, and was the widow of James Ernest Boyd. She was a member of Daniels Memorial United Methodist Church, TOPS NC #1, Goldsboro Rescue Squad Auxiliary, The Shrinettes of the Wayne County Shrine Club, and the New Hope Extension Homemakers Club. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and Bruce Weisiger of Goldsboro and Ann and Sam Savage, Sr. of Jamesburg, N.J., two sisters, Polly Purnell of Goldsboro, Rosetta Rose of Goldsboro and five grandchildren, James Weisiger, William Weisiger, Sharon Weisiger, and Sam and Joan Savage. She was preceded in death by two brothers, J.H. "Shorty" Smith and Hersel Smith Sr.



In Memory of

James A. & Sally Ann Daniels

By David Daniels
(*Daniel is mis-spelled)



James A. Daniel
1856 - 1921



Sally Ann Daniel
1856 - 1913

James A. & Sally Ann Daniel

James A. Daniel was born October 10, 1856 and died August 18, 1921 at the age of 65. Sally Ann Daniel was born January 12, 1856 and died October 18, 1913 at the age of 57. They attended Woods Grove Church in the late 1800's and early 1900's. They had two sons - David and Arthur Daniel. Their son Arthur and his wife Nannie were faithful members of Woods Grove for many years. Arthur Daniel was born May 23, 1893 and died December 28, 1968. Nannie Daniel was born April 3, 1895 and died January 6, 1978. Arthur and Nannie are buried in the Fairview Cemetery in LaGrange, North Carolina. James A. and Sally Daniel are buried in the Arrington Newsome Cemetery at 1188 Hood Swamp Road, LaGrange, North Carolina.

History submitted by Hilda Grady.

Photos submitted by Hilda Grady and Margie Jackson .

(Stained glass window has Daniels - tombstone has Daniel)

Woods Grove Graveyard/Cemetery

Listings and Photographs

Established 1885

Compiled by: Margie Jackson & Hilda Grady



For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

I Thessalonians 4:16-17



The Graveyard has 45 graves and one reserved space. The original corner post remains in place on Row 2. A new plaque was added in 2008. The oldest and first grave with a stone is on Row 3 for Benjamin Sauls. Born in 1815 and died January 21, 1887 at the age of 62. (Note: wife of Benjamin Sauls - Mary E. Sauls is buried in the W.J. Howell Cemetery, 4066 Central Heights Road, Goldsboro, N.C. 27534. She was born in 1842 and died March 1, 1896 at the age of 54.)

WOODS GROVE GRAVEYARD/CEMETERY

PHOTOGRAPHS NOT AVAILABLE - N/A

ROW 1:

(1) Reserved N/A

(2) Kennedy, William Lamont N/A
Son of R. H. Kennedy

(3) Kennedy, Robert Hanness
Dec. 9, 1902 - July 5, 1955

(4) Kennedy Zilphia
March 1, 1904 - March 24, 1979

(5) Kennedy, Rossie
Nov. 14, 1895 - Nov. 29, 1990

ROW 2:

(1) Colie, Adell Mitchell
Feb. 14, 1927 - March 26, 1950
1st Wife of Rev. Alton Colie

* Corner Post with Plaque

(2) Anderson, Jesse Luby N/A
1937, Son of E. & B. Anderson

(3) Brown, Sally A. N/A
Oct. 28, 1902 - Jan. 20, 1974

(4) Alphin, J. W. N/A
Jan. 26, 1859 - April 21, 1933

(5) Alphin, Starkey Cathern N/A
March 4, 1863 - July 22, 1952
Wife of J. W. Alphin

(6) Mitchell, Dollie P.
Sept. 18, 1903 - May 10, 1970

ROW 3:

(1) Mitchell, Almond Glenn
Oct. 13, 1932 - Jan. 8, 1952

(2) Sauls, Benjamin
1815 - Jan. 21, 1887

(3) Anderson, Estella N/A
Jan. 1, 1860 - Feb. 14, 1924

(4) Lewis, Infant of N/A
Jackie & L. A. Lewis

(5) Lewis, Jackie T. N/A
Oct. 27, 1905 - May 8, 1929
Wife Of L. A. Lewis

(6) Taylor, L. G.
Sept. 20, 1874 - June 19, 1943

(7) Taylor, Katy T.
June 4, 1875 - March 24, 1944

(8) Taylor, Glenda Ruth
Oct. 27, 1939- March 25, 1945
Daughter of R. W. & Esther
Taylor

(9) Thomas, Nora
Aug. 4, 1905 - Jan. 24, 1973

(10) Thomas, Bessie
March 1, 1901 - Nov. 13, 1976

(11) Thomas, James A.
May 16, 1859 - July 27, 1930

(12) Thomas, Mary
Sept. 2, 1871 - May 11, 1926
Wife of J. A. Thomas

(13) Anderson, Walter N/A
Dec. 25, 1873 - July 24, 1948

ROW 4:

(1) Smith, George H. N/A
June 13, 1902 - Oct. 19, 1922

(2) Smith, Sylvia N/A

(3) Peele, Effie N/A
1897 - 1957

(4) Gurley, W. M.
April 10, 1860 - April 30, 1928

(5) Gurley, Mary E.
Dec. 19, 1868 - Jan. 9, 1937
Wife of W. M. Gurley

(6) Ezzell, Eric Clifford N/A
Jan. 9, 1962 - Jan 10, 1962

(7) Gurley, W. G.
June 5, 1893 - Dec. 22, 1951

(8) Gurley, Annie
Oct. 30, 1895 - March 26, 1973

(9) Smith, Infant son of N/A
Shelton E. & Peggy C Smith
Dec. 13, 1963

(10) Combs, Linda
Dec. 20, 1945 - Oct. 30, 1947

ROW 5:

(1) Butts, Elias B.
1890 - 1952

(2) Butts, Helen S.
1896 - 1985

(3) Peele, George F.
May 30, 1915 - Feb. 20, 1990

(4) Peele, Clyde S.
Dec. 18, 1917 - March 25, 2000

(5) Smith, John G. , Jr.
Sept 6, 1929 - July 30, 1934
Son of John G. & Nora Smith

(6) Smith, Nora Gurley
March 6, 1897 - June 12, 1934
Wife of John G. Smith

(7) Smith, John G.
Nov. 3, 1895 - Dec. 31, 1968

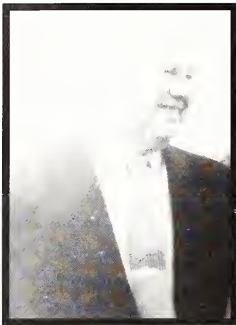
(8) Gurley, Sarah Blanch
Dec. 19, 1916 - March 11, 1968

(9) Gurley, Addie Lee
Oct. 30, 1917 - July 11, 1991

(10) Strickland, E. V. N/A
Dec. 25, 1895 - Sept. 6 1946

(11) Ridings, Samuel M.
Aug. 24, 1926 - Nov. 29, 1950

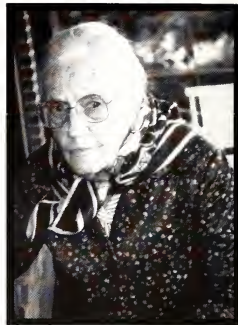
(12) Smith, Polk
Aug. 16, 1890 - May 21, 1952



ROW 1 - # 3
Kennedy, Robert Hanness



ROW 1 - # 4
Kennedy, Zilphia



ROW 1 - # 5
Kennedy, Rossie



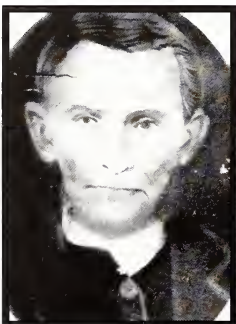
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Colie, Adell Mitchell



ROW 2 - # 6
Mitchell, Dollie P.



ROW 3 - # 1
Mitchell, Almond Glenn



ROW 3 - # 2
Sauls, Benjamin
OLDEST GRAVE



ROW 3 - # 6
TAYLOR, L.G.



ROW 3 - # 7
Taylor, Katie T.



ROW 3 - # 8
Taylor, Glenda Ruth



ROW 3 - # 9
Thomas, Nora



ROW 3 - # 10
Thomas, Bessie



ROW 3 - # 11
Thomas, James A.
TRUSTEE 1916



ROW 3 - # 12
Thomas, Mary



ROW 4 - # 4
Gurley, W.M.



ROW 4 - # 5
Gurley, Mary E.



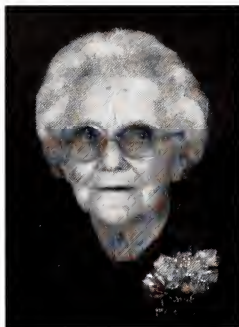
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Gurley, W.G.



ROW 4 - # 8
Gurley, Annie



ROW 5 - # 1
Butts, Elias B.



ROW 5 - # 2
Butts, Helen S.



ROW 5 - # 3
Peele, George F.



ROW 5 - # 4
Peele, Clyde S.



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Smith, John G. Jr.



ROW 5 - # 6
Smith, Nora Gurley



ROW 5 - # 7
Smith, John G.



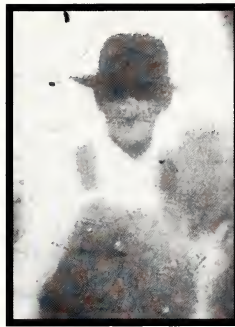
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Gurley, Sarah Blanche



ROW 5 - # 11
Ridings, Samuel M.



ROW 5 - # 12
Smith, Polk



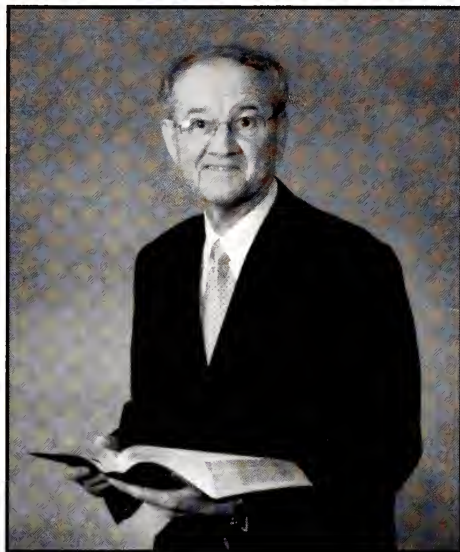
REVELATION 1: 5-6

(5) And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead and the Prince of the Kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

(6) And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; **to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen**

*How shall they hear without a Preacher? And
how shall they preach, except they be sent.*

Romans 10: 13-14



REVEREND MIKE (David Michael) GRADY

Born: October 2, 1944 • Present Pastor Woods Grove PFWB, 2009

Married: Hilda Grace Tyndall, August 7, 1964, Free Chapel PFWB

Saved: January, 1974 and joined Fort Run PFWB

Local church license and call to preach May, 1975 at 29 years old

Preached 1st sermon - Free Chapel PFWB, May, 1975

Heritage Bible College Extension Classes - 1975-1977

Conference license, July 16, 1976, Ordained June 21, 1977

Transferred church membership to Woods Grove PFWB - 2001

Served on Ministerial Council, PFWB General Board of Directors,

District Ministerial Director and Board of Directors of Heritage Bible College

PASTORED:

Interim Pastor, Free Gospel Tabernacle PFWB (6 weeks) May-June, 1976

Free Gospel Tabernacle PFWB - 9 years - January 1978-January 1987

Woods Grove PFWB - 22 years, 9 months - February 1987 - October 2009

PREACHED THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST 34 YEARS

Preached over 5,000 sermons - Preached 180 funerals

Family members of Woods Grove PFWB Church 2009:

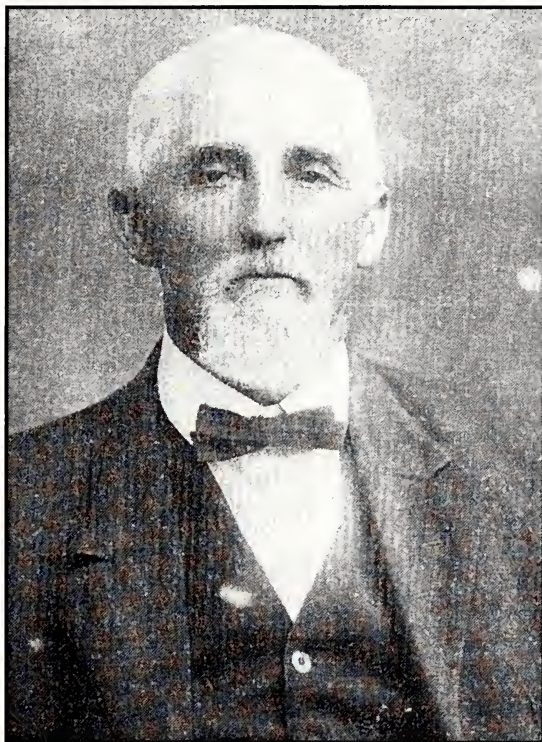
Wife: Hilda Grace Tyndall Grady

Children: David Michael Grady, Jr. (Mike Jr.)

Hilda Michelle Grady Gurley

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets;
and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and
teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the
work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body
of Christ:*

Ephesians 4: 11-12



FIRST PASTOR - 1885

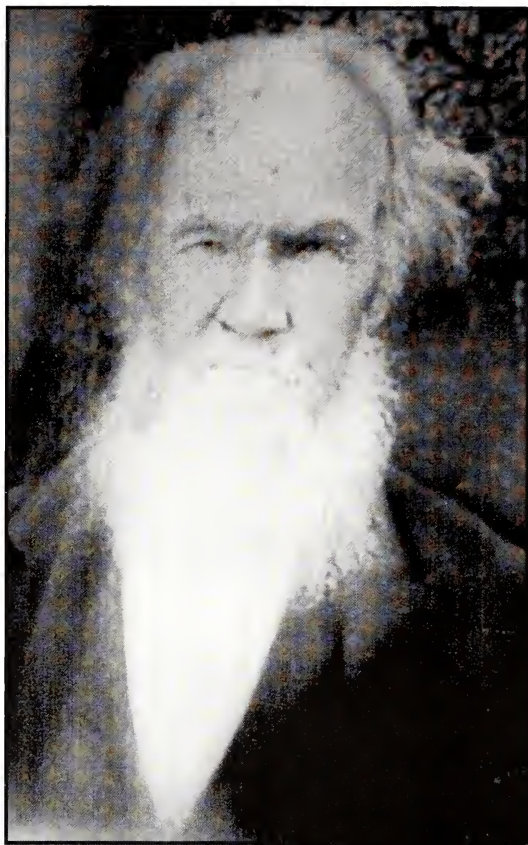
JACOB F. HILL SR.

May 2, 1846 - December 3, 1918

39 years old when pastor — died at 72 years old

Buried Jacob Hill Cemetery, Row 4 — 107 Jeffery Street, LaGrange, NC 28551

Wife: Sarah E. Hill - May 15, 1858 - September 12, 1958



FIRST TRUSTEE - 1885

ALLEN SMITH

February 16, 1829 - April 30, 1914

56 years old when trustee — died at 85 years old

(Son - M.S. Smith trustee, 1885)

Buried in Allen Smith Cemetery, Row 3 — 2694 US Hwy. 13 North, Goldsboro, NC

Wife: Sallie H. Smith, October 25, 1836 - January 21, 1927

Great Grandchildren - Members of Woods Grove, 2009:

Grover Smith, Deacon - 2009, Carolyn Smith

James Smith, Winston Smith



FIRST TRUSTEE - 1885

M.S. (MARCELLOUS) SMITH

November 15, 1859 - February 3, 1936

26 years old when trustee — died at 76 years old

(Father: Allen Smith, Trustee 1885)

Buried James Walker Cemetery, Row 9

250 Hood Swamp Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530

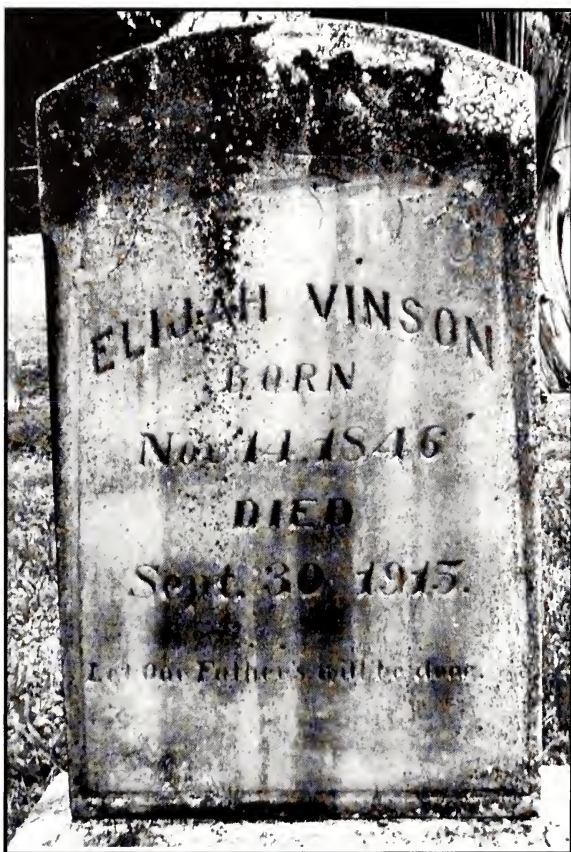
1st Wife: Sarah O. Smith - April 10, 1863 - July 14, 1888

2nd Wife: Mattie J. Smith - November 12, 1865 - March 11, 1920

Grandchildren members of Woods Grove - 2009:

Grover Smith, Deacon - 2009, Carolyn Smith

James Smith, Winston Smith



FIRST TRUSTEE - 1885

ELIJAH VINSON

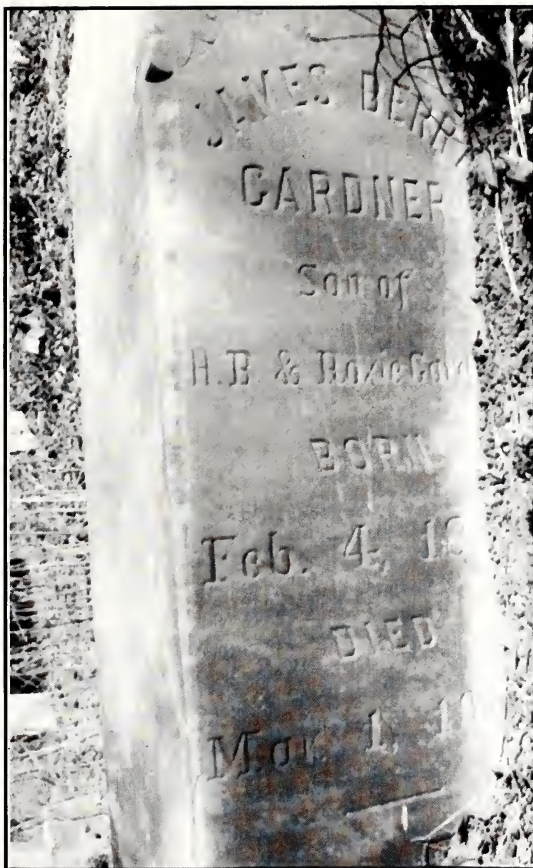
November 14, 1846 - September 30, 1915

39 years old when trustee — died at 68 years old

Buried in Henry Vinson Cemetery, Row 5

206 Vinwood Avenue, Goldsboro, NC 27534

Wife: Nancy (Nancie) Vinson - October 28, 1847 - April 9, 1921



FIRST TRUSTEE - 1885

J.B. (James Berry) GARDNER

February 4, 1858 - May 1, 1904

27 years old when trustee — died at 46 years old

Buried Willoughby Gardner Cemetery, Row 5

3272 Hwy. 13 North (near Stomp Johnson's), Goldsboro, NC 27530

1st wife: Laura Smith Gardner - October 31, 1860 - January 26, 1884

2nd wife: Cora L. Gardner - June 25, 1865 - August 11, 1907

Father: H.G. Gardner - March 21, 1829 - July 11, 1891

Mother: Roxie O. Gardner - April 17, 1827 - April 8, 1910



FIRST TRUSTEE - 1885-1916

(Served 31 plus years as Trustee)

J.J. ROBERTS

33 years old when trustee

July 22, 1852 - September 28, 1931, died at 79 years old

Buried J.J. Roberts Cemetery, Row 1

653 Hare Road (0.1 mile from road), Goldsboro, NC 27530

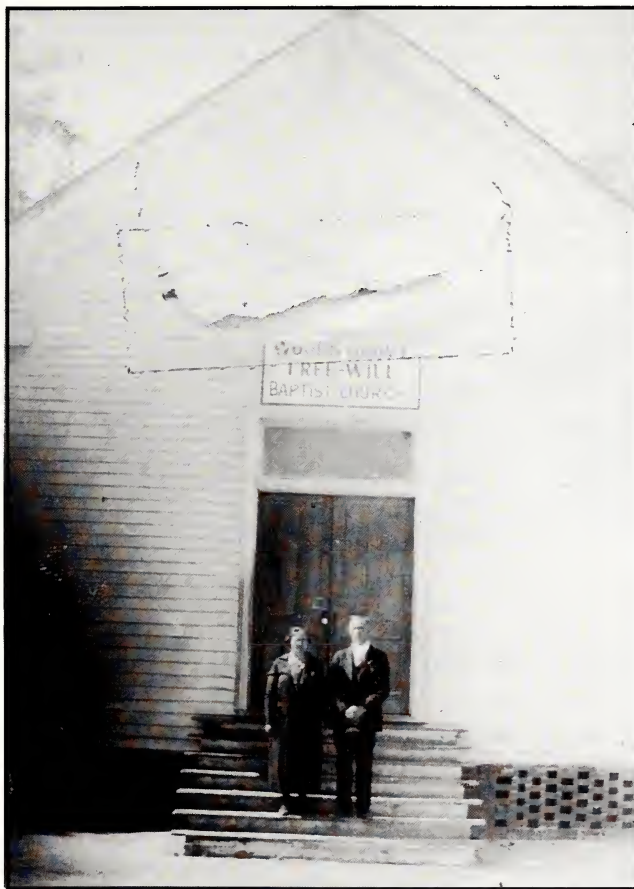
Wife: Mary E. Roberts - August 10, 1850 - January 12, 1925

Granddaughter member of Woods Grove - 2009:

Edna Hare Candler

*And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my church; and the
gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

Matthew 16:18



ORIGINAL CHURCH AROUND 1930

Nora Thomas with Reverend C.A. Jackson
Picture submitted by: Norma Lee Howell Smith
(Nora Thomas is Norma Lee's Aunt)



**WOODS GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
1950's**

*And the Lord added to the church daily such as
should be saved.*

Acts 2:47

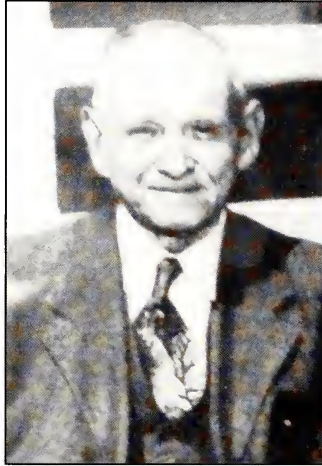
WOODS GROVE PFWB CHURCH

History of Pastors

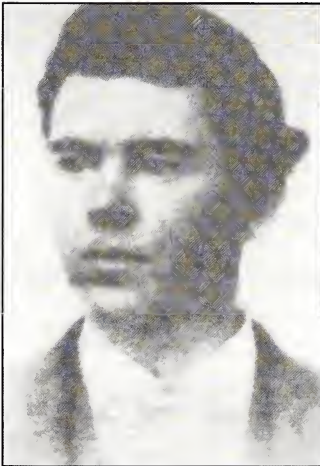
1885-2009

1885	Rev. J. F. Hill (1st term)	1915	Rev. J. R. Johnson (2nd term)
1886	Rev. R. A. Johnson	1916-1930	No Records Located
1887	Rev. Lunda Lee	1931-1935	Rev. C. A. Jackson (3rd term)
1888-1890	Rev. J. F. Hill (2nd term)	1936	Rev. L. V. Davis
1891	Rev. Robert Strickland	1940-1942	Rev. K. D. Brown
1892	No Report to Conference	1942-1944	Rev. J. Edward Johnson
1893	Rev. W. G. Jones	1945-1947	Rev. Ernest A. Killett
1894-1896	Rev. C. R. Pearce	1948-1950	Rev. J. E. Andrews
1897	Rev. C. A. Jackson (1st term)	1951-1958	Rev. R. O. Byrd
1898-1899	No Report to Conference	1959-1966	Rev. Nathan F. Hanchey
1900	Rev. J. F. Owens	1967-1971	Rev. Roy Savage
1901-1902	Rev. J. H. Worley	1972-1978	Rev. Harold Heath
1903	Rev. J. A. Blalock	1978	Rev. J. T. Blanton
1904-1906	Rev. H. W. Jernigan	1979-1980	Rev. Raymond Tarkenton
1907-1909	Rev. C. A. Jackson (2nd term)	1981-1984	Rev. Clyde Shelton
1910-1911	Rev. J. R. Johnson (1st term)	1985-1987	Rev. Ronnie Weaver
1912-1913	No Report to Conference	1987-2009	Rev. Mike Grady
1914	Rev. W. B. Strickland		

Former Pastors of Woods Grove Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church



REV. J.A. BLALOCK
Pastor 1903



REV. J. RUFFIN JOHNSON
Pastor 1910 - 1911 — 1st Term
Pastor 1915 — 2nd Term



REV. W.B. STRICKLAND
Pastor 1914

Woods Grove Pentecostal
Free Will Baptist Church

125th Anniversary

1885-2010



“A seed shall serve him; it shall be
accounted to the Lord for a generation.”

Psalm 22:30

125th CELEBRATION SERVICE

March 14, 2010

10:00 AM

Prelude	Musicians
Chimes	Calling Worship Service to Order
Presentation of Flags & Lighting of Candles (In Honor & Memory of all Pastors, Pastors' Wives, & Church Members)	James Smith, Peter Wene
Hymn <i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	Congregation
Welcome To Our Visitors & Ministers	
Recognition of Past Pastors & Wives & Families	Nelson Creech
Special Music <i>"To God Be The Glory"</i>	Tracey Grady
Responsive Reading & Prayer	Dr. Elvin Butts
Introduction of Historian	Hilda Grady
Presentation of the Woods Grove Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church History Books	Lucille Smith
• Woods Grove PFWB Church	
Nelson Creech, Vice Chairman of Deacons	
• Former Pastors or Wives	
Mrs. Nathan (Myrtle) Hanchey	
Rev. Roy Savage	
Mrs. Harold (Myra) Heath	
Rev. Raymond Tarkenton	
Rev. Clyde Shelton	
Rev. Ronnie Weaver	
Mrs. Mike (Hilda) Grady	
• Former Youth Pastor	
Rev. Danny Hamm	
• PFWB Church General Superintendent	
Dr. Preston Heath	
• Heritage Bible College President	
Dr. Elvin Butts	
• Assistant to Pastor	
Rev. Cindy Bartlett	
• Mt. Olive FWB College Historical Collection	
Mr. Gary Barefoot	
• Wayne County Public Library	

PRaise & WORSHIP SERVICE

Chorus "Where You Are Loved"

Choir

Written by Anne Ham
Choir Director

Hymn "When We All Get To Heaven" p. 393 Congregation

Offertory - Giving God's Tithe, Our Offering

Prayer Requests & Prayer

Dr. Reynolds Smith
Regional Director

Special Music

"I Wouldn't Take Nothin' For My Journey Now"

"Heavenbound Medley"

Choir

Special Music

"I'm Winging My Way Back Home"

Edgar Gurley, Tracey Grady, JP Gurley, Jackie Waddell

Introduction of Speaker

Nelson Creech
Vice Chairman of Deacons

Guest Speaker

Dr. Preston Heath
PFWB Church General Superintendent

Special Music "The Lord's Prayer"

Shane Smith

Blessing of Food

Rev. Cindy Bartlett

Postlude

Musicians



We invite everyone to join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 145:1-4

Leader: *I will extol thee, my God, O King;
and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.*

People: *Every day will I bless thee;
and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.*

Leader: *Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

People: *One generation shall praise thy works to another,
and shall declare thy mighty acts.*

Psalm 145:8-9

Leader: *The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion;
slow to anger; and of great mercy.*

People: *The Lord is good to all:
and his tender mercies are over all his works.*

Psalm 145:17-18

Leader: *The Lord is righteous in all his ways,
and holy in all his works.*

People: *The Lord is high unto all them that call upon him,
to all that call upon him in truth.*

Psalm 145:21

Unison: *My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

VERSE 1:

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

CHORUS:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

VERSE 2:

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

CHORUS:

VERSE 3:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joys shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: my God, how great Thou art!

CHORUS:

“Salvation belongeth unto the Lord;
thy blessing is upon thy people.”

Psalm 3:8



**Woods Grove Pentecostal
Free Will Baptist Church**

4009 Central Heights Road

Goldsboro, NC 27534

March 14, 2010

Thank you for attending our
125th Anniversary Celebration

“To God Be The Glory”

